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### British literary world pays tribute as Iris Murdoch dies

only been there a formight. She had

been growing weaker and weaker.

But it was such a painless death

and I was with her. It was expected,

Some of Britain's leading writers were among those offering tributes

to Iris Murdoch, the woman and

but not as soon as this."



Murdoch: won Booker

BY DALYA ALBERGE AND CLAUDIA JOSEPH

TRIBUTES poured in last night for Iris Murdoch, who died yesterday afternoon after a long struggle against Alzheimer's disease. After entering a nursing home a fortnight ago, she had lost the will to eat and drink. Her husband, John Bayley, 73, was at her side when she died. Dame Iris, 79, will be remembered as a novelist of ideas, a philosopher who wrote for the people be-

yond the senior common room. She

The Sea and was put forward for a Nobel Prize for Literature. A prolific writer, she published 27 novels. She married John Bayley, the literary critic, when 37. They met

when he was a tutor at St Antony's College, Oxford, and she a don at nearby St Annes. He fell in love at first sight as she bicycled "slowly and laboriously" past his window. Mr Bayley said: "I was so happy that she was happy in a wonderful

Josephine Hart, the novelist and a close friend since 1987, said: "As a person. It is was the most gracefu human being I've met in my life. She had the deepest respect for every other individual person. You home, a nursing home. They were extremely good to her. But she'd

could see it with everyone, from small children who she'd treat so calmly, as if listening to a philoso-pher." She added: "One of the reasons that the books will survive and remain so important is that she led us down the labyrinth of our own mind. Of course, she was unbelievably clever and witty. Her writing had a great moral power. You learnt in reading her books so much about yourself. She made you

go inside yourself." Another friend, John Grigg, the

tional world so vivid and strange that an adjective based on her name has entered the language. But she was even more rare in being a person who combined brilliant intellect and imagination with a marvelloosly warm and in many ways simple heart."

The novelist Margaret Drabble called Murdoch a "completely magical writer" who had an "extraordinary" narrative powers that "gave me such delight and pleasure". Malhistorian, said: "Iris is one of those colm Bradbury, who last saw her a

for a long time and she was brilliant. She was one of the greatest British writers of the second half of the 20th century. It's a real loss to English literature made that much

sadder by her Alzheimer's." Alain de Botton said that for the younger generation, Murdoch's books "evoke a time for people who weren't there" and will remain classics into the next century.

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**6** The fact that we all came here to signal our commitment to real peace convinced me that

Bill Clinton, with former Presidents Carter, Ford and Bush, walks alongside President Chirac of France. Tony Blair is among other mourners at the top left

# Homage to Hussein

By Christopher Walker IN AMMAN

IN DEATH as in life, King Hussein of Jordan yesterday acted as a bridge-builder as his funeral brought together sworn enemies who united in paying homage to one of the great peacemakers of the 20th

century. The outcome of the open and secret exchanges between about 50 heads of state and government will only become clear in the coming weeks and months. But all present were agreed that as a gathering of world leaders, the funeral was unique, overshadowing the final rites for Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister assassinated in 1995, or those in 1981 for the Egyptian leader,

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### Funeral brings enemies together

Anwar Sadat, who suffered the same fate because of his backing for peace between Jews and Arabs.

For the first time in the 50-year history of the Jewish state, an Israeli delegation attended the same ceremony as President Assad of Syria, a last-minute unannounced guest. Also present were delegations from iraq and Libya. countries which remain technically at war with Israel, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, whose 1993 peace deal with Israel is close to collapse.

Although Binyamin Netanyahu, the hardtine Israeli Prime Minister, did not come face-to-face with the wily Syrian leader, he said later: "The fact that we all came here to signal our commitment to real peace convinced me that I must try to achieve a new beginning, to broaden the efforts

Netanyahu said that as well as speaking to many Jordanians, he had met representatives of unnamed Arab states. He, like other leaders who walked behind the coffin under leaden skies, said he saw Mr Assad's surprise visit - in the knowledge that Israel would be sending a large delegation of 23 - as a signal of his renewed interest in peace. After speaking at length to King Abdullah II. Jordan's courteous and ramnod-backed new monarch, the Israeli Prime Minister said: "I see Ab-

for peace and make it real."

his father, and I have no doubt he will follow in his father's substantive talks soon.

dullah as a very open and warm-hearted person, someone who strongly resembles

The two are due to meet for No less remarkable than the

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN'S special cash-back

deal from the Brussels budget

came under fire from all 14 oth-

er member states yesierday as

ministers failed to agree on

spending reforms. It set the scene for a crisis summit in

Gordon Brown, the Chancel-

for, won no converts when he

pressed the Government's

case for retaining the annual

Berlin next month.

unprecedented Israeli-Arab presence was the mingling of President Clinton and three former US Presidents, Jimmy Carter, George Bush and Gerald Ford, in a gathering which included a Vice-President of Iraq, the son of Libya's maverick leader, Colonel Gaddafi, and the leader of Sudan - all countries attacked by US planes or missiles in recent

Notable by her absence was Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, who instead sent her number three, Thomas Pickering. US officials said Ms Albright had decided against attending because of the strict Islamic custom governing the conduct of the funeral. which kept men and women separate and prevented all but a few women, permitted for obscure protocol reasons.

from paying their respects be-

Till shuts on British rebate

£2 billion rebate at a session of

finance ministers that was sup-

posed to set guidelines for reor-

stand on its 14-year-old rebate

was eclipsed by the disarray

among all EU governments on

all the key elements of the six-

year spending package that is due to be settled by April. "We are heading for the standard EU crisis," said a

French diplomat after his

team had clashed with the Ger-

However, Britain's lonely

ganising farm spending.

side the men at the late King's flag-draped coffin, '

During the five-hour ceremony, the coffin had been driven through the rain-lashed streets of Amman, lined with weeping Jordanians, some beating their faces and chests

Queen Noor, the late King's elegant fourth wife, and other female members of the Royal Family, including his six daughters from four marriages, stayed at his private resi dence, Bab al-Salam (Gate of Peace), in keeping with Islam-ic tradition. Jordanians who saw the Queen said she looked distraught.

Wearing traditional white headscarves of mourning, the women huddled together on the steps to bid farewell as the motorcade carrying the coffin - shadowed by three helicopters - raced through the

farm spending, which con-

sumes half the EU's annual

£65 billion budget. Tony Blair

and the other leaders are sup-

posed to tie up the budget deal

The only common cause

among bickering ministers

was opposition to the British

rebate. "It is inconceivable

that the British rebate can go

on operating in the old way,"

Kahn, the French minister.

Dominique Strauss-

in Berlin on March 25.

streets on a 12-mile journey to the King's final resting place. That was the Hashemite burial site close to the hilltop palace of Raghadan which overlooks Amman. The sprawling capital has grown out of all recognition since Hussein ascend-

ed the throne in 1952. Because of security concerns that Iraqi agents might try to disrupt proceedings because of the presence of Mr Clinton and Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister - the twin architects of December's bornbing campaign against Bagh-dad - the vehicles sped through the streets. There were chaotic scenes as crowds lining the route broke the incifective security cordons to chase the procession in an ex-pression of grief.

The funeral was itself a mirror of some of the deep social divisions that King Abdullahwill have to repair. The poor Continued on page 3, col 7

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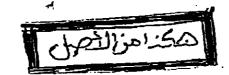
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### KING HUSSEIN'S FUNERAL: GRAVESIDE RECONCILIATION

## **Embrace** by Assad signals thaw in relations

IN AMMAN

SYRIA'S President Assad yesterday made a rare foray abroad to pay his last respects to a man regarded as his old

enemy.
Although the "Fox of Damascus" appeared to go out of his way to avoid being close to any of the Israelis scattered through the scrimmage that took place outside Amman's elegant Raghadan Palace, his mere presence and the body language of his meeting with Jordan's new leader, King Abdullah II. signalled a thaw in Syrian-Jordanian relations.

After the burial of the late monarch, Mr Assad was symbolically the first in line of all the foreign dignitaries to offer his condolences to King Abdullah. Their embrace was widely remarked upon, as was Mr As-sad's visible emotion when he halted earlier before the flagdraped coffin of the late King and appeared to say a prayer. There was a strong hint

here, and with other meetings at the funeral, that a number of Arab countries at loggerheads with tiny Jordan are now prepared to turn over a new leaf with its new leadership." a senior Arab diplomat said. "The strong delegation from Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family showed us all that the rift stretching back to the

[1991] Gulf crisis is over." Relations between Syria and Jordan were strained for years by Mr Assad's suspicion that King Hussein maintained secret ties with Israel, while the King was wary of Syria's territorial ambitions and

mindful that during the 1970 Black September Palestinian uprising, Syrian tanks had only been deterred by Israel troop manoeuvres from crossing into Jordan.

When Jordan decided to go it alone without Syria and signed a peace treaty with Isra-el in 1994, President Assad furned, charging that Jordan had committed a "grave of-fence against united Arab efforts to reach a comprehensive peace".

King Hussein and President Assad never agreed on anything because the monarch always suspected that the Syrian leader and former Air Force Commander wanted to rule over a "greater Syria". comprising of Syria proper, Lebanon, Palestine and Transjordan. For his part, Mr Assad never forgave the late Jordanian monarch for making a secret visit to Tel Aviv in 1973 to warn Israeli leaders of the imminent Syrian-Egyptian mili-

tary offensive. But the Syrian leader did telephone the ailing King on January 19 to inquire about his health. He flew in for yesterday's funeral without notice after postponing until tomorrow a nationwide referendum that had been scheduled for yesterday to reconfirm his posi-

tion as President. There was diplomatic speculation that the graveside reconciliation could have two outcomes. "Either it could signal that Assad wants Jordan's new leader to cool his ties with Israel as a price of renewed



President Assad of Syria, right, arrives yesterday at the Raghadan Palace in Amman with Farouk al-Sharaa, Syria's Foreign Minister

Georges Habash, has called

friendship with Damascus, or Abdullah could act as a useful go-between in a bid to restart Israel-Syria peace talks if Labour wins Israel's May gener-

al election," one envoy said. In another diplomatic surprise during the marathon ceremony, the head of a Damascus-based radical Palestinian group that rejected peace with Israel as negotiated by the

PLO, shook hands with Presi-

dent Weizman of Israel and

hailed him as a man of peace.

an general secretary of the

Marxist Democratic Front for

the Liberation of Palestine, ap-

proached Mr Weizman at the

palace while waiting for the

funeral to begin. According to

the President's snokesman, he

told him: "You are a man of

Nayef Hawatmeh, the veter-

A number of Arab countries are

prepared to turn over a new leaf?

peace who fought for many years to advance peace in the Middle East. We recognise this and, God willing, peace will come to our region."

Mr Weizman said in response that he hoped that

Syria and Lebanon, which are still technically at war with Israel, would join the peace process, israel radio later reported that Ariel Sharon, the Foreign

Minister, had reprimanded

Mr Weizman for the ex-

change. The DFLP was respon-

sible for a number of terrorist

\_attacks inside Israel including.

the deaths of 24 schoolchildren

and a soldier in the northern

Since rejecting the peace deal, Mr Hawatmeh, 62, who has links with another

renegade Palestinian leader.

town of Maalot in 1974.

for a two state solution, but ob-jects to Yassir Arafar's 1993 deal, claiming that it falls short of the aspirations of the Palestinian people.
The sheer weight of the US

delegation led by President Clinton, and including three former Presidents and the head of the World Bank, was seen as evidence that the West plans to back up its moral support for the new Jordanian ruler with much needed aid for his battered economy. As a start, Mr Clinton has already pledged to rush through a new \$300 million (£187.5 million) aid package.

Discreet diplomacy took place in Amman's heavily guarded luxury hotels and the funeral.

From another potential conflict zone, Turkey's President Demirel was in attendance along with his Cypriot counterpart. President Clerides. 30 per cent of whose country is occupied by Turkish troops.



President Yeltsin arrives for the funeral before cutting

# short his visit, which was made against medical advice

Binyamin Netanyahu. Israel's Prime Minister, pays his respects to King Abdullah II

### Hague slips back to third place

By MARK INGLEFIELD POLITICAL REPORTER

THE presence of three former American Presidents at King Hussein's funeral yesterday left many wondering why no former British Prime Ministers were among the

But this was not the only apparent breach of protocol. Onlookers were surprised to see William Hague reduced to followriague leading Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, when the British party at-tended. King Hussein's coffin Normally, the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition walks alongside or behind the Prime Minister at official events, with the leader of the smaller party trailing behind.

Downing Street officials were adamant this was not a snub to Mr Hague. "We had no involvement in the arrangements," they said. A spokesman for Mr Hague was keen to play down the Tory leader's apparent relegation in status. Mr Ashdown always tries to keep as close to Mr

Blair as he can," he said. It was harder to say why Lord Callaghan, Sir Ed-ward Heath, Baroness Thatcher or John Major were were absent from the event, which attracted

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more than 30 national leaders and royalty from 14 countries. All the former British leaders had been friendly with the former monarch during er and John Major had relied heavily on his support during many crises in the Middle East, including the Gulf War.

said that, as far as they were aware, none of the former Prime Ministers asked if they could attend the funeral. Lady Thatcher will pay her respects to the King tomorrow morning by signing a book of condolence at the Jordanian

Embassy in London. This was probably a wise move. In accordance with Islamic custom she along with Queen Noor, Hillary Clinton and other female dignitaries would have been allowed a limit-

ed role in the ceremony. Sir Edward Heath's office, when told of Lady Thatcher's visit to the embassy, said he would do the same thing the next time he was in London. Mr Major and Lord Callahan, the former Labour Prime Minister, are expect-

ed to follow suit. Downing Street would not disclose how many were among Mr Blair's

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### Time running out for elder statesmen on Arab stage

sein provided a graphic reminder of the mortali-ty of most of the remaining Arab heads of state - and sig-nalled that the Arab world is poised for a sweeping change of guard. "It is no secret that most rulers of the 20 Arab nations are elder statesmen who have ruled for a long period of time, and if an Arab summit is held five years from now most of them will not be there," noted Fahed al-Fanek, Jordan's

The question is whether the younger generation poised to take over will attempt to transform the fundamentals of how the Arab world is governed, or simply prove to be new faces in control of unchanged, re-

pressive political machines. Unlike Jordan, where the transfer of power from the royal father, 63, to his eldest. year-old son passed remarkably smoothly, in many Arab League countries the path of succession remains fraught with danger. "The leaders of the Middle East are ageing." month to congratulate Abdullah when King Hussein named him heir apparent on Taher Masri, the former Jorda-January 25, signalling a possinian Prime Minister, told the ble attempt to keep the leader-Jordan Times. "Change could ship in the family. In Egypt.

come from within, with a new

spirit to liberalise the regimes,

bringing more democracy and

The Jordan monarch's death has focused attention on other leaders' health, writes Christopher Walker

**MATTHEW PARRIS IS ON PAGE 4** 

relying more on state institutions than their predecessors." In Saudi Arabia, over recent years threatened from within by a growing number of Islarric extremists, the transi-tion has begun. King Fahd, 76, is seriously ill, hardly able to walk and yesterday sent his

half-brother and designated but elderly heir, Crown Prince Abdullah, to represent him. By contrast, in two other key Arab states, Egypt and neighbouring Libya, the succession remains uncertain. The Libyan dictator Colonel Muam-mar Gaddafi, 56, in power since a 1969 coup, is also reported by intelligence sources to be in indifferent health. Significantly, he dispatched his eldest ison to Amman last

ak's smooth 1981 takeover from the assassinated Anwar Sadat was helped because he was Vice-President, he has never named a deputy - fearing a possible rival centre of power. In Syria and the recently formed Palestinian Authority, the future also remains open to serious doubt with the

although President Mubar-

chances of instability high. Both Syria's President Assad and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, will turn 70 this year, and each has recently demonstrated unmistakable signs of deteriorating health.

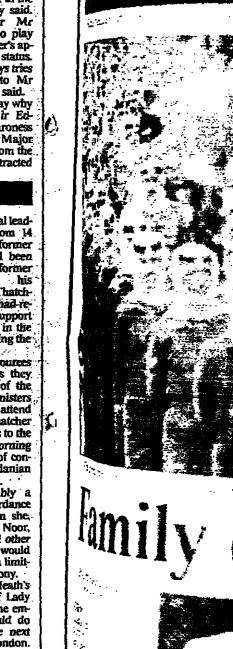
Ithough President Assad does have an offinumber two. Abdul-Halim Khaddam, his hardline Vice-President, he has spent much time grooming his second son, Bashar, an ophthalmologist said to lack his father's mettle and legendary cunning, to succeed him.

his plans after his favourite eldest son, Bassel, was killed

in a high-speed car crash. Mr Arafat, the former guer rilla leader who survived is now visibly suffering from a perpetually trembling lower thought to mark the onset of Parkinson's disease, and has admitted he may not be another two years. He, too, has never designated a successor. If he were to die soon there could be a civil war between different factions of

the Palestinian security forces. Another neighbour of Jot: dan where any transfer of power could have wide-ranging regional implications is Iraq-If American efforts to over-throw President Saddam Hussein, in power since 1979, succeeded, near-anarchy could follow, with the Kurdish north and Shia Muslim south splitting away from the mainly Sunni Muslim centre that in-

cludes Baghdad. In the emirates of the Cal many leaders are ageing, too. having ruled since their states independence from Britain, King Abdullah II of Jordan has made a point of cultivating close ties with the next



### G. HUSSEIN'S FUNERAL: ROYAL HOUSE UNITES





King Abdullah, right, comforts his uncle, Prince Muhammad, at the Raghadan Palace. Deposed Crown Prince Hassan, left, is at the forefront of the mourners. Queen Noor, second from left, with Princesses Iman, Raya and Haya show their grief



The funeral procession embarks on the final journey from the Raghadan Palace to the Royal Cemetery, where King Hussein was laid to rest beside his father and grandfather

# Family closes ranks in grief

By Christopher Walker and Ross Dunn

JORDAN'S Royal Family yesterday staged a dignified but effective show of unity in grief to mark King Hussein's funeral and to mask the internal feuds over power which marred the last months of his life.

The new King, Abdullah II, stood close to — and often consulted — the late King's youngest brother, Prince Hassan, who was deposed two weeks ago after being the designated heir for 34 years. Senior officials said he would be offered an important advisory post in the new administration.

Standing near them, also showing signs of deep sadness, was Prince Muhammad, Hussein's little-known second brother, who was passed over as Crown Prince in 1965 because of fears of hereditary mental instability. These fears have been discounted:

Also present as Hussein's five sons stood close to each other — and at one point helped to carry the flag-draped coffin — was the newly appointed heir apparent, Hanzah, Hussein's eldest son by his fourth wife, the American-born Queen Noor. She will



The late King's horse, his master's boots reversed in the stirrups

retain a position of considerable influence in her adopted country.

The surprise appointment of Crown Prince Hamzah, 18, who is at Sandhurst, was seen by many Jordanians as another attempt to heal family is now expected to rally round King Abdullah, 37, in the difficult early months of his rule, when foreign powers or internal subversives, including Muslim extremists, could try to destabilise Jordan.

Sandhurst, was seen by many Jordanians as another attempt to heal family divisions. However, some opposition members saw it as evidence the US may indirectly increase its influence over Jordanian affairs because they assume Queen Noor will pursue Washington's line.

United yesterday in mourning, the versives, including Muslim extremists, could try to destabilise Jordan.

Taking his place along a main boulevard to watch the funeral procession yesterday. Ghandi Naouri, a businessman, managed a difficult balancing act. With one arm, he held up a homemade poster proclaiming "Our King of Peace, May He Rest in

THE FAITHFUL STALLION

AMONG many moving moments in a day of grief unlike any seen before in the Hashemite kingdom, even hardened television commentators shed a tear at the sight of the King's beloved white Arab stallon Amrhis master's black boots reversed in the stirrups — following the coffin dejectedly towards the sounding of the Last Post and the firing of a 15-gun salute.

As befits tradition in this desert kingdom, the horse — often seen with military trappings with the uniformed King in the saddle — will never be ridden again now that his royal rider is dead.

his three-year-old daughter, Indira, so that she could see over the heads of other bystanders. "I want her to remember this day," said Mr Naouri. He said that the Israeli delegation, including Binyamin Netanyahu, the

Peace". With the other he held aloft

Prime Minister, was welcome in Jordan because King Hussein had wanted to normalise relations between the two former enemies.

In 1994, Jordan signed a treaty with Israel, becoming only the second Arab nation after Egypt to make peace with the Jewish state. "I think this King was trying to do this from the beginning," Mr Naouri said. "This is our King's hope, our King's wish, we don't mind [that the Israelis

are present]."

The peace with Israel was one of the difficult realities that Jordanians had to accept, said Khairi al-Qadi, 32.

a sales manager.

"Frankly speaking, no one likes the Jewish people because of what they have done to Arabs," he said. "But in these circumstances we have to forget the politics, There is no problem. No-

body would like to see trouble."
"We came here to express our feelings. Everyone is sad, but we have to forget sadness and to support Abdullah," he said.

"King Abdullah will be compared with his father," he added. "King Hussein used to feed him with his thoughts."

Hamad Diad. 17, thought it should be obvious when asked why he was there. "Because I want to see the Jordanian people cry and cry for King Hussein." he said, as the tears began to well up in his own eyes.

### Tears, prayers and unspoken fears at grave

Continued from page !

and anguished lined up for hours in icy rain to catch a last glance of their leader while the privileged stayed in the comfort of their homes to watch on TV. Many Arab nations, with the notable exception of Iraq, also showed the nearly five hour spectacle live.

Unlike Mr Rabin's funeral, which had seen many of the same VIP guests and at which Hussein gave a deeply moving tribute to a man he had come to regard as a friend, there were no public eulogies or speeches of any kind — just tears, prayers and unspoken fears over how the loss of such a champion of peace could affect a strategic region where war remains a constant risk.

Covered only in a white shroud, the 63-year-old Hussein was buried close to his father Talal, whose short reign was ended when he was declared to be schizophrenic and put into care. After flagstones were placed over the grave, pointing east towards Mecca — Hussein was a direct descendant of the prophet Museum and — Raduin guards in

— Hussein was a direct descendant of the prophet Muhammad — Beduin guards in the red and white chequered kefiyahs ubiquitous among the thousands of local dignitaries fired automatic weapons over the grave.

In a day as heavy with symbolism as any could remember, the most memorable was that of President Yeltsin, the ailing Russian leader — evidently numbed by painkillers and other drugs — who defied his Kremlin doctors' advice and made a brief appearance before leaving early, virtually pushed into his car by two burly guards, and returning to Moscow where speculation about his own health after a recent bleeding ulcer was imme-

diately renewed.
"I cannot imagine him risking his health like that for any
other leader in the world,"
said a Jordanian official. "But
now we must pray he will not

suffer the same fate as our King, whose death was speeded because he left his sickbed before being cured [of cancer] to be with us."

Apart from Mr Blair, the British delegation included the Prince of Wales, the Conservative leader, William Hague, and the outgoing Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown.

Mr Blair praised King Abdullah as "a man of enormous ability and drive", and said like most other observers present that he believed Jordan would continue to support the Middle East peace process.

"There is an overwhelming feeling in this region that unless we make this process work, the alternative is too dreadful to contemplate," the Prime Minister added. "I do believe that the commitment of the world exists to make sure that the process works and the position of Jordan, I am sure, will remain a position of full enthusiasm for the

process.\*\*

□ London: Jordanians from around Britain gathered at the Embassy in South Kensington yesterday to watch the state funeral.

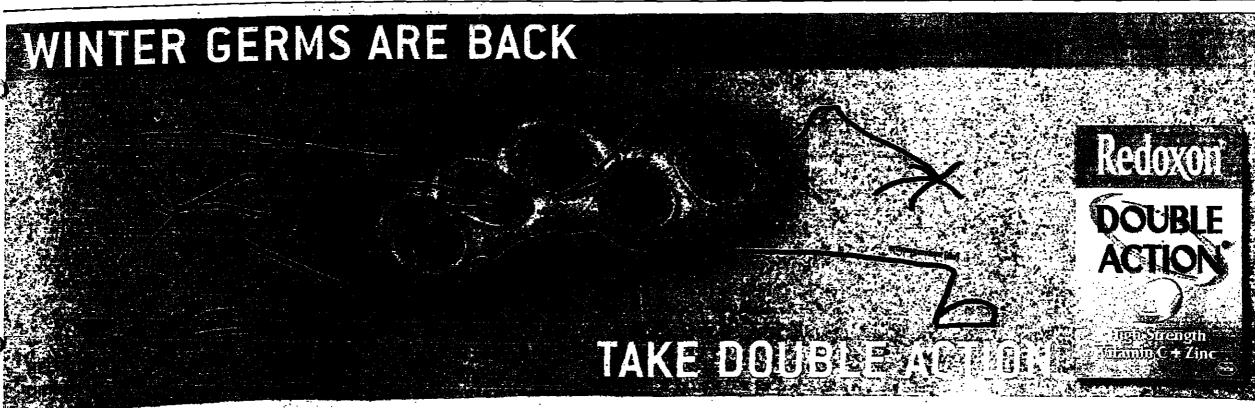
Foub Ayoub, the Jordanian Ambassador to Britain, declared his private study open to his fellow countrymen and around 25 people huddled in front of the television.

The mourners, including students and businessmen, had travelled from as far as Cardiff and Bristol to pay their respects. Several choked back tears as the late King reached his final resting place.

his final resting place.

The Jordanian flag flew at half-mast outside the embassy. Since the announcement of the King's death, staff have taken more than 300 phone calls, mainly from Britons, expressing their condolences. A steady stream of visitors dropped by to deliver flowers.

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### **HOME NEWS**

# Charity to run first privatised school

Parents back pioneering deal as firms hope for a boom, report

John O'Leary and Hannah Betts

THE commercial arm of a specialist school in the West Midlands is poised to take over the management of a failing comprehensive 130 miles away in

County councillors yester-day named 3E's Enterprises Ltd, linked to the Kingshurst City Technology College, in Solihull, as the preferred bidder for a contract to run kings' Manor School in Guildford. It will be the first state school to be handed over to a private company, although in this case the company is a charitahle foundation that ploughs back profits into its schools.

The entrepreneurs who make up the thriving new education market see the contract as merely the first of a series of business opportunities. The profits of the 18 listed education companies now outpace the FTSE All-Share Index.

A new round of education ac-

schools in areas of poor performance, and multimillionpound contracts to take over local education authority services are on the borizon. Many expect others to follow Surrey in putting a school's management out to tender.

3E's Enterprises beat competition from two other companies, Nord Anglia Education plc and the Centre for British Teachers. Surrey officials are to hold two weeks of talks with the Kingshurst governors before forwarding its plans to David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary. Government sources foresaw no problems yesterday.

Kings' Manor, which was Surrey's bottom state school in last year's GCSE league table. had been considered for closure before the Conservativecontrolled council opted for private consultancy. Andrew Pov-ey. education chairman. de-scribed the plan as a "revolu-



Ben Cartwright views changed on takeover

tionary approach". The provisional title for the new school is The Guildford College of the Arts and Technology.

It will be relaunched in autumn 2000, with a new curriculum emphasising vocational qualifications. Stanley Goodchild managing director of 3Es Enterprises, said: "Any profit or bonus will be shared equally between Kings' Manor and Kingshurst."

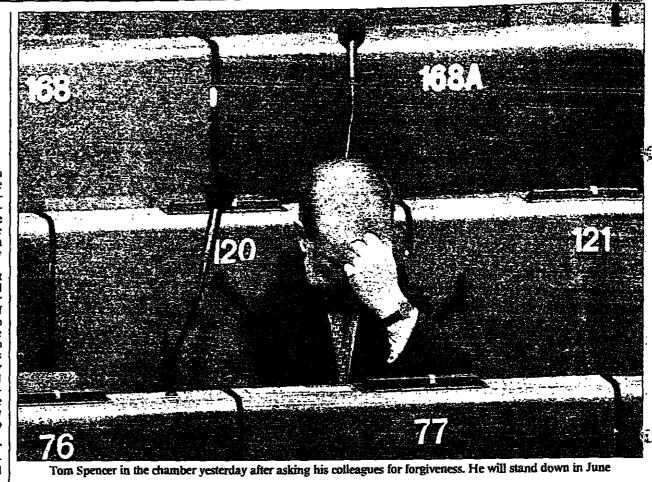
Parents said they had come to believe Kingshurst could do what the authority could not -

Cartwright, chairman of the Kings' Manor Community Action group, said: "We cam-paigned against this until we met Kingshurst. Now we're convinced that, if anyone can turn the school around, they

Surrounded by an affluent greenbelt and four successful schools, the Kings Manor community carries the tag of 'socially deprived" Built to house about 900 students, the enrolments have fallen to about 400. Kingshurst was Britain's first City Technology College when it opened II years ago. The rate for 10-yearolds staying on at school in the area was 17 per cent. It is now 97 per cent, and 40 per cent go

on to university. "What we can offer Kings' Manor are the techniques of regeneration." Mr Goodchild said. "Three things are vital that the school must be owned by the local community, that pupils feel proud to attend the school, and that the school should have the support of the wider community.

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Comfort from a fellow MEP after his speech

### **Drug Tory says** sorry to MEPs

THE Tory Euro MP found with drugs and gay pornography in his luggage apologised to the European Parliament yesterday. Tom Spencer said that he had shown "extraordi-nary foolishness" to carry the cannabis and magazines found by customs officials at Heathrow airport last month.

To applause from the cham-Mr Spencer said: "I would like to make it clear to those who would use my stupidity to attack Europe and its Parliament that the fault is mine and mine alone."

The married father of three also said that his acts were "monted in love". His wife, Liz. who has said that she knew

from the start of their marriage, accompanied him to Strasbourg. On January 20 customs ofphilosophile 1017 to 11 11 optil

ficers impounded Mr Spencer's luggage after finding two cannabis joints and the pornography. He later telephoned them to say they had missed a small quantity of

Mr Spencer, 50, later announced that he would stand down as a candidate for Surrey in the European elections: in June. He had been told that William Hague's new ethics and integrity committee would almost certainly find against him. (AFP)

### Rivals in the education business

#### **NORD ANGLIA**

KEVIN McNEANY, chairman and founder, saw shares double to £36 million on the back of reports of government support for privately run education action zones. Nord Anglia runs careers services and Ofsted inspection teams in the state sector and is the market leader in private English language tuition. Other private sector interests include 15 independent schools. He expects to see 200 schools managed by the private sector within five years.

#### **EDISON PROJECT**

BENNO SCHMIDT, the former President of Yale University, is the public face of America's best-known education management company. He has made a number of visits to Britain to try to convince ministers and local authorities that the Edison Project has a formula that will work on both sides of the Atlantic.The withdrawal of Edison's bid was disappointing to those who saw it as the forcrunner of a radical management alternative.

NEIL McINTOSH, managing director of the non-proift-making trust CfBT, has made trenchant criticisms of local education authorities. A former head of the charity Shelter and Labour councillor. Mr Melntosh, 54, is now a Liberal Democrat. He is seen as a shrewd political operator who has made his company one of the main players on the education scene. He sees organisations such as his as "the

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£250,000+	4.65	4.55	4.13	4.05	3.24
£100,000-£249,999	4.44	4,35	3.92	3.85	3.08
£25,000-£99,999	4.18	4.10	3.66	3.60	2.88
£10,000-£24,999	3.75	3.70	3.25	3.20	2.56
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£10,000-£49,999	2.53	2.50	2.02	2.00	1.60
£1,000-£9,999	2.22	2.20	1.71	1.70	1.36
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£1-£2,499	0.85	0.85	0.35	0.35	0.28

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### **Meningitis** outbreak declared emergency

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A HEALTH authority declared a public emergency yesterday after three people died of meningococcal meningitis. The latest victim was a teacher in her fifties. Lynne James, a mother of two, was head of domestic education at Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic

school in Pontypridd, South

In the past month 11 people from Pontypridd have fallen ill with the disease. Besides the three dead - a teenage boy died early last week and a to-year-old woman two weeks ago - another boy is critical and five other people are in

hospital. More than 1.600 pupils and staff from three schools in the area have received antibiotics and vaccinations.

Dr Meirion Evans, consultant in communicable diseases at Bro Taf Health Authority, said: "By declaring a public health emergency we are effectively calling all hands on deck. We are extremely concerned by this outbreak and we are asking parents to be extra vigilant and alert to the

### Blair in plea to Schröder over Longbridge

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR threw his weight behind the campaign to save Rover's car plant at Longbridge yesterday with a personal plea to Gerhard Schröder, the German Chan-

The Prime Minister raised the future of the threatened works during a brief conversation with Herr Schröder at King Hussein's funeral. Sources said that, while there were no detailed discus-

sions between the two men.

Mr Blair underlined the benefits of the Longbridge plant and of investment in the United kingdom generally. He is thought to have asked Herr Schröder to use any influence he has with the parent group BMW to put the case for

um-sized Rover car at Long-They agreed to keep in close touch on the issue, according to officials, and they will meet again at a mini European summit in Bonn at the end of the

investment in the new medi-

Government officials have been in talks with the compa-ny about the possibility of

selective assistance to help productivity, but so far there has been no application from Rover for any funding.

The meeting between Mr

Blair and Herr Schröder came as Stephen Byers, the Trade Industry Secretary. toured the sprawling Birmingham plant trying to calm fears about lost jobs and possible closure. Mr Byers said he was in close contact with the German car giant, which is believed to be reviewing its strategy for Rover before making decisions later this month.

Fears of mass redundancies, particularly at Longbridge. have cased, but unions called on BMW to end the uncertainty which remains by agreeing to build new models in Britain. In December it promised to build the new Mini at Long-

bridge. Mr Byers said: "We will be making the strongest possible recommendation to BMW about the importance of Long-

Unions said they were delighted that Mr Byers visited the plant so soon after the boardroom shake-up.

### **Experts** criticise tax on child benefit

By JULI. SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CITY accountants last night

criticised the Government's. plan to tax child benefit for high earners, warning of the practical difficulties involved. It is expected that the Chancellor will announce in his Budget that child benefit is to be taxed at 40 per cent for higher rate taxpayers. He is said to be proposing to tax one million families where either parent earns more than E31,295.

Accountants and policy groups said the money would be hard to collect where couples were unmarried, and there would be an incentive for mothers not to declare that their partners paid tax at the top rate. The Institute of Fiscal Studies said it was unfair to tax couples where the father earned £31,000 and the mother did not work while not taxing those where both parents earned just under £30,000.

Maurice Fitzpatrick, of the accountants Chantrey Vella cott, said that the Treasury had not yet explained how the practical problems would be

### Darling the diplomat walks into the Tories' poverty trap

Darling is that he's too unthreatening. Show him a ruffled feather, and he smoothes it.

This was not what Tony Blair wanted. The new La-bour project was to delight the Daily Mail by upsetting the Left and scaring the poor. By this stage in her job. Harriet Harman. Darling's predecessor as Social Security Secretary, had upset the nation's single mums, delighted the *Mail* and provoked a major backbench rebellion and a ministerial resignation.

But her successor is failing, He lacks the necessary clumsiness. A born diplomat -adroit evasive, reassuring his presence at the dispatch box calms MPs horribly. The screams of the Left (music to Blair) have ceased: Darling has turned away the poverty lobby with soft words, "New Labour - no claws!" "Helpless, destitute, unprovided for? — don't worry: this Government cares!" Air Darling is veering badly off-message So plausible has been Dar-



POLITICAL SKETCH friend to the poor that the To-

ries have found their voice. They have begun a convincing attack from the Right. Exposed on his right flank! If the Prime Minister had been watching Social Security Questions vesterday he would have been appalled. Darling was singing the praises of his Minimum Income Guarantee for pensioners.

Again. For months this scheme has been assiduously hyped, "Unveiled" more often than a professional stripper. the promise of a generous safety net for all who fail to save for old age has been Darling's chorus all year. So sweetly has he cooed that it is the MPs for the middle classes, not the poor, who have taken fright.

Tory after Tory yesterday made the same point Desmond Swayne (New Forest West) insisted that, if the State was to be more generous to those who retired without savings, where was the incentive to save? Darling insisted that it was right to give more help.

muttering that he was "look-

ing at" ways of avoiding a poverty trap. Iain Duncan Smith, for the Opposition, pressed the argument. Darling replied that Tory logic must therefore be to offer less to the one third of pensioners who would benefit from the Government's Guar-

Speaking for the two thirds who would not benefit, John Bercow (Buckingham) said a that means test would discourage savers. Darling murmured, "I don't accept that at all." but did not explain why.

A fierce attack from the Left sitting behind him would have rescued the Secretary of State from the MPs for the Daily Mail - but none came. He had sold his Guarantee all too well. When urged by Syd Rapson (Lab. Portsmouth

bour would crack down on the massive benefit fraud that robbed Britain of up to £7 billion a year, Darling's reply seemed designed to calm Mr Rapson down. He should have been geeing him up. It was Rapson who was on message

Malcolm Wicks (Lab. Croydon North) tried to reinforce the message, prodding Darling to agree that family credit was "wide open" to fraud. Darling, poor darling, tried to lower the temperature there were indeed "gaps in the safe-guards": "weaknesses," "difficulties to be dealt with". This is no way to the headline "Minister declares war on scroungers"

Growing in his job, a newish junior minister. Stephen "three-brains" Timms, is less goofy and more assured with every passing month. This minister looks quite confident of his brief, even relishing the argument. Where Darling's in stinct is to deflect. Timms's is to engage. But both are courteous. To please Middle Britain, the team needs someone really horrid.

# Philosophical storyteller with an open mind

have a modest opinion of her own talent. "My problem is not being great," she once said. "I'm in the second league, not among the gods like Jane Austen and Henry James and Tolstoy." A bad re-view, she said, was even less important than whether it was raining in Patagonia.
Novels such as The Sea, The

Sea (1978), which won the Booker Prize, A Severed Head (1961) and The Black Prince (1973) may prove her wrong. The wrote 27 novels over the course of four decades, as well as volumes of philosophy her first book in 1953, was an academic work on Sartre. By the end of her life, stricken with Alzheimer's disease, she had no recollection or under-standing, it seemed, of what she had accomplished; though her husband, John Bayley, was able to find a kind of solace for this loss in his moving memoir of Dame Iris, published last year.

"She is not sailing into the dark," he wrote. "The voyage

Iris Murdoch underrated her own talent for seeking out the

good, writes Erica Wagner

is over and, under the dark es-cort of Alzheimer's, she has ar-rived somewhere. So have I." Her illness was a journey they undertook together.

An illness of the brain afflict-ing one who lived by her mind seems a particularly painful irony; never more so than in the case of Murdoch, whose genius was for blending philosophical inquiry with compelling storytelling, an ability that may be regarded as one of the highest arts of human consciousness. She relished Shakespeare, James, Tolstoy and Eliot, all writers who were able to embody what might be thought of philosophical prob-lems — Othello's jealousy. Catherine Sloper's romantic blindness - in characters that live and breathe on the page. Novels such as A Fairly

Honourable Defeat (1970) and An Accidental Man, written the following year, explored her fascination with the conduct of the virtuous man and the moral complexity of human relationships; in this her art, perhaps, reflected her life. Her fascination with men whom she regarded as great

thinkers was a part of her finding her way in the world. An early boyfriend was Frank Thompson, brother of the historian and peace campainer E. P. Thompson, under whose influence she joined the Communist Party; just after the war she became involved with Raymond Queneau, the mathematician and novelist; Sartre, and the Nobel prizewinning novelist Elias Canetti. Was she in love with these men? "I admired the men I was involved with for their personalities and their minds," she said lat-



Iris Murdoch with her husband, John Bayley, who wrote a moving memoir of her, in their garden last September

er. "I both wished and needed to learn from them."

On the brink of the disillu-sioned 21st century, her work might be viewed as unfashionable, seeking, as it always did, what was good. She was no believer in God, but wrote: "I have wanted to move from 'God' to 'Good', taking 'reli-gion' along too." Yet she did not want her fiction to be

viewed as a mouthpiece for her philosophy; what made the novel moral for her was its ability to encompass all of life. "It had not been his fate," she wrote of a character in The Philosopher's Pupil (1983) "not to be interested in anything ex-

cept everything."
Murdoch, 100, was interested in everything, even at the end of her life. When I met her for the first time last year at a party, she shook my hand, greeted me warmly, her face interested and open even though, in the next moment, I knew she would have no recollection of who I was.

Her novels were able to take in the emotional upheavals of an Anglican lay community in The Bell (1958); a stage play, The Three Arrows (1972), was

produced in Cambridge with lan McKellen and was set in medieval Japan. She lived a quiet life, it appeared, but her mind, until her last years always acute, ranged widely. That is a rare quality in any novelist and, while her death is a loss, her great books are still on the shelves.

### Help the Aged staff fear for their jobs

By Claudia Joseph

HUNDREDS of workers at Help the Aged faced job losses yesterday after the charity predicted that it would suffer a £2 million slump in income.

The charity, which helps elderly people who are struggling to pay their heating bills, disclosed that it was suffering from a drop in customers at its

Managers are consulting the 1,000 employees on ways to save money. It is thought that many deputy managers could lose their jobs.

A consultation letter was gional managers are holding meetings with employees.

A spokeswoman for Help the Aged said that customers were spending less in their shops. She added: "The bot-tom has fallen out of the recycling market, which accounts for I per cent of our income." Worn-out clothes are sold on for the fabrics to be re-used. A decision is expected on March 3. No shops are expected to close.

### Ecstasy woman wins hospital damages

By ELIZABETH JUDGE

A WOMAN who collapsed after taking Ecstasy at a night-ciub accepted £250,000 agreed damages yesterday from the hospital that she said had failed to treat her properly. Lorraine Leighton, 25, had

to relearn how to speak, read and write after being treated at North Middlesex Hospital. The former beautician now has epilepsy and fears that she will never work again. She would not have suffered

such severe problems had she been treated properly, Dun-can Pratt, her counsel, told the High Court. He said the problems created by taking Ecstasy could have been corrected. Miss Leighton took two

half-tablets of Ecstasy at a nightclub four years ago. She left feeling unwell, and was admitted to the hospital in Edmonton. North London, after her sister found her semi-conscious on her bedroom floor the next day.

North Middlesex NHS Trust admitted that hospital staff failed to carry out a blood test on Miss Leighton and that the wrong type of fluid was giv-en in a drip. The trust denied,



Leighton: collapsed day after taking drug

however, that this made any difference to her condition and would have argued, had there not been a settlement, that the damage done to Miss Leighton was a result of the Ecstasy. Approving the settlement, Mr Justice Buckley said: "Tragically this case is only one of an increasing number that so clearly demonstrate the appalling risk of taking these so-called 'social' drugs and the in-

iquity of those who produce

and peddle them and make them available to the young." He praised Miss Leighton and her parents for the effort

they had made to "make the best of the situation".

Miss Leighton sat listening with her parents as Mr Pratt told the court that her case was
"a question of both tragedy

and triumph".

The neurological disabilities she had been left with, initially of a most catastrophic kind, had been countered by the effort that she and her family had put into her rehabilitation, he said. She was now able to live alone in a flat.

The court was told that be-fore the incident she was outgoing and had enjoyed a lively social life. She now has poor speech and social skills, and is unlikely to achieve her dream of being a beauty therapist in

the West End of London.

Miss Leighton would not comment after the hearing. Her mother, Eileen, said: "I'm just glad it's all over."

Roger Howard, chief executive of the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse, said: The responsibility for drugs lies with everyone in society. That responsibility includes having fully trained accident and emergency staff in our hospitals who know how to deal with drug-related problems."

### Actress rises to occasion in the manner of Margo

BY SUSIE STEINER

MARGO LEADBETTER, the imperious social climber of the television series The Good Life, could not have handled it better herself.

Yesterday Penelope Keith, the actress who played her, rose above calls for her resignation as president of the Actors' Benevolent Fund after an acrimonious and protracted battle with a former employee.

Rosemary Stevens, the char-ity's general secretary for 16 years, withdrew her claims of wrongful dismissal at the eleventh hour after an "amicable settlement" at an employment tribunal in Central London. But it was a dispute -

fraught with allegations of rumour-mongering, witchhunts and despotic rule — which has cost the fund over £32,000. Last night the charity, which supports sick, retired

and needy actors, stood to lose a further £1 million legacy from the theatrical agent Vincent Shaw over the affair. Mr Shaw. 73, who managed the puppet act Sooty, said: "I

have not changed my will yet because I was waiting to hear the outcome. I would like to know the facts. I want to give my money to actors not solici-

The film and theatre critic Michael Thornton, who has

contributed to the fund for 40 years, called for Miss Keith's resignation. "None of this need ever have happened if we had had calm, sensible and wise leadership," he said. "Who is going to pay for it? Not Ms Keith. She has been behaving worse than Margo and Audrey Fforbes-Hamilton (her character in To the Manor Born) put together."

The fund responded with a statement saying that Miss Keith, 58, who has been fund president for eight years and was re-elected by its council last June, "has the unanimous support of the whole council and does not intend to resign.

### Party row thug took revenge on host's terriers

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A HOLIDAYMAKER'S worst fears were realised after she agreed to let her teenage daughter hold a small party for close friends while she was

Carol Sykes returned from two weeks in Mexico to find that a gatecrasher had strangled her three dogs, killed 16 coldfish and ransacked her

house. David McLaren, a 21-yearold skinhead, had become enraged at being thrown out of the party for being rowdy. The next night, high on cannabis, he returned while Mrs Sykes's daughter Rebecca, 17, was away and smashed his way in through the patio doors.

Manchester Crown Court

was told that he later boasted to friends about swaggering around the house carrying the Yorkshire terriers by their throats. The bodies of two of the dogs were found dumped in nearby bushes. The other has not been seen since but is presumed to be dead.

McLaren, unemployed and from Failsworth in Manchester, was known to Rebecca but had not been invited to her party. During the break-in he also put the family's video recorder in the kitchen sink and turned on the taps, and tipped pot pourri into the fish tank. He smashed several mirrors and stole a satellite dish and hi-fi system worth £1,000. Yesterday he was jailed for 12 months after he admitted criminal damage, cruelty to ani-mals and burglary.

Mrs Sykes, a divorcee aged

38. was so upset after the break-in that she immediately left her £80,000, three-storey sownhouse in Oldham and moved out of the neighbour-

After the case she said: "My dogs were priceless. They were part of the family for 14 years — I'd had them since

they were pups.
"What that thug did broke all our hearts. They were all old dogs and they would not do anyone any harm. They were much-loved pets and it makes me sick to the stomach that someone could have done this barbaric thing to us."



### Peirce returns **CBE** to No 10

By RICHARD FORD IOME CORRESPONDENT

GARETH PEIRCE, the solicitor involved in the struggle to right a series of miscarriages of justice, has turned down the CBE she was awarded in the New Year's Honours List. The move by Ms Peirce, a solicitor involved in the Birmingham Six and Guildford Four cases, came only five weeks after she was given the honour for "services to jus-

But, within days of her hon-our being published. Ms Peirce wrote to Downing Street asking whether it could be withdrawn. Last night Ms Peirce, one of

the country's foremost criminat lawyers, was clearly embarrassed by the disclosure that she now wanted to turn down the honour. She said: "I am not trying to

make a public statement about this, It was not my intention to accept it and, through undoubtedly my own error, it was included in the list. "I wrote privately to ask if it

apologise for any difficulty that this might have caused." Ms Peirce, a partner with the leading London solicitors' firm Birnberg and Co. would not give any details about how No 10 had been led to believe she had accepted the honour.

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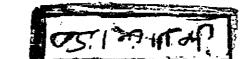
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## Court will visit death site in war crime trial

Jury will make legal history with journey to scene of alleged atrocity, write Alan Hamilton and Tim Jones

LEGAL history will be made next week when a British judge and jury travel abroad to see the scene of alleged war crimes. A freezing, windswept corner of eastern Europe will briefly be transformed into the

The jury, the first in Britain to try an alleged war criminal. will travel at the weekend to Belarus, formerly the Soviet republic of Belorussia. In the village of Domachevo, close to the Polish border, the eight men and four women will be shown where Anthony Sawoniuk, a 76-year-old retired railwayman from South London. is said to have assisted in the mass murder of Jews at the height of the Second World War. Mr Sawoniuk denies all the charges against him.

Britain's first fullopened at the Central long, Mr Sawoniuk, a stocky, bespectacled man with a shock of white

hair, dressed in a brown jacket, check pullover and red tie. listened intently as four charges of murder were read out. A Securicor guard sat in the dock while the defendant was allowed to sit at a table in the well of the court in front of his

two counsel, William Clegg. QC, and Kalyani Kaul. The atmosphere in No I Court was businesslike, even relaxed. The public gallery was empty. The judge was solicitous towards jurors and

court staff facing a particularcounsel for the prosecution. told the court that the case related to events during the Second World War, and to Mr. Sawoniuk's conduct as a po-

liceman in his native Belorus-

sia. The court, he said, would travel to the scene the better to understand the nature of the town, the terrain and the site where the defendant is alleged to have murdered a number of Jewish men and women.

Looking directly at the jurors the judge said of Mr Sawoniuk: "It is alleged that he assisted the Germans in putting into effect the policy of mass murder of the local Jewish population. If either you or your family suffered as a result of the German actions against Jewish or other races or religions, then it would be better if you did not serve on

this jury."
Of the trip to Belarus, he said: "I am afraid this will not

This will not be a holiday, ladies ceedings to a temposcale war crimes trial and gentlemen, let me grasp that Bailey yesterday. Criminal Court in Lon- nettle straight away. This is not the dence was delayed don yesterday to wamings from Mr Justice time of year people would choose the jury to be inoculated against typhoto hard to go where we are going?

> be a holiday, ladies and gentlemen, let me grasp that nettle straight away. This is not a time of year that people would choose to go where we are going." Warm clothing, the judge said, was essential.

> The trial arises from the War Crimes Act of 1991, when the British Government was persuaded to pursue those responsible for atrocities committed half a century ago. The Act sparked a three-year police investigation involving II detectives and two historians into possible war criminals living in Britain. It cost £5.2 milcases and eventually put for-. ward five names to the Direcfor of Public Prosecutions. The first trial failed in 1997 when a judge decided that the defendant, Szymon Serafinowicz, 86.

was not lit to stand trial. He died eight months later.

Moving the entire court abroad is proving to be a huge undertaking. It will involve the judge and jury, six court officials, the judge's clerk, two jury protection police officers and legal teams of four each from the Crown and the defence. They will fly to Warsaw on Sunday and the following day travel by bus across the Belarus border. On Tuesday they will see where the murders are alleged to have been

They will spend an expected three hours at the scene before making the long return jour-ney to arrive back in England on Thursday. The logistics of this rare operation

brought legal pro-The hearing of evidiphtheria, teranus

and polio. The cost of their journey is being mer from public funds. The trial is expected to last

until the end of March and to engender widespread interest and media attention. The judge delivered an unusually stern version of the standard warning to jurors not to discuss the case with anyone, not even their immediate families. They might have been relieved to hear that, because of the advanced age of the defendant and many of the witnesses, the court days will be mercifully short and will end at around

lowed home each night and will not be required to travel to Belarus. He has been on bail since he was committed for trial by Bow Street magistrates in May last year.



Anthony Sawoniuk, a retired railwayman from South London, denies four charges of murdering Jews in Belorussia

# German wartime secret service useless' German wartime

BY ROBIN YOUNG

VICTORY by the Allies in the Second World War was made possible by the incompetence and corruption of the German secret intelligence staff, according to newly released government records.

A report prepared by Profes-sor Hugh Trevor Roper (later Lord Dacre) in April 1945 is among documents newly available at the Public Record Office. It includes the assessment that German intelligence at the crucial stages of the war was "demonstrably incompetent, incapable of reform and threatened politically by rival

ries outside".

The professor says that much of the blame lay with the personal faults of Admiral Canaris, the head of German intelligence, who staffed his of-fices with friends and dependants who were "in general idle and corrupt". In addition, he says, Canaris had "no conception of organisation".

He describes the German intelligence operations as a "loose and irresponsible collection of worthless characters Canaris refused to dismiss". Trevor Roper pointed out

that German intelligence failed to predict the three key Allied landings during the war: Torch, on the North African coast in November 1942: Husky, in Sicily in July 1943: and Overlord, the Normandy landings, in June 1944. In-stead, he says. "the Abwehr was drowned with misinfor-mation sometimes inventes and often deliberately supplied by the Allies". .

Canaris's one success Trevor Roper concedes, was an elaborate system for reporting the passage of British ships through the Straits of Gibraltar, prepared with the assistance of the Spanish.

The admitral's fate was still unknown when Trevor Ropez prepared his report, but a note in his writing adds that he was executed by strangulation original the orders of Himmler in April. 1945. Almost all the Abwehr's general staff officers were involved in the generals' putsch against Hitler and most were executed, along with many of

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# the cold returns for Pinochet lord

A WOMAN died when she slipped on ice yesterday as Britain braced itself for an extended cold snap. The day saw snowfalls in several areas better known for their summer beaches.

Sussex and Dorset were among counties hit by falls that stretched from the south coast to Scotland, where Aberdeen and Wick both had 5in.

The mother of three who died in Broxburn, West Lothian, had slipped on the pavement yards from her front door. Police said it was not known whether Yvonne Davidson. 34. died as a result of banging her head or froze to death.

Forecasters said the snow would not return for the next few days at least, but that there would be no respite from the cold, with temperatures set to drop even further.

Rob Bunn, senior forecaster at the PA WeatherCentre in London, said: "Arctic blasts of wind are coming from the north and will bring cold weather for the rest of the

week. We can expect a very sharp frost throughout nights this week. Temperatures tomorrow will be similar to those today but the Arctic winds will made it feel a lot

colder." He said that England and Wales could shiver in nighttime temperatures as low as

-5C (23F) throughout the week. Heavy snow brought chaos to roads, with the AA reporting a flurry of breakdowns which peaked at 2,000 calls an hour just before midday. Roads were particularly bad-

ly affected in West Wales and schools in the Lampeter area were forced to close. Snowploughs were used in Somerset for the first time in three years and there was a 3in blanket of snow on Exmoor and the Mendips. In northern Scotland, heavy snowfalls caused road closures from early on and the situation worsened through the day. Grampian Police advised people not to travel unless necessary.

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# Woman dies as | Irvine speaks up\*

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor came to the defence yesterday of Lord Holfmann, whose links with Amnesty International caused a second hearing before the House of Lords of the Pinochet extradition case. Lord Irvine of Lairg said in

his first public comment on the affair that Lord Hoffmann was a lawyer of the utmost integrity and there was no question of his resigning. "What we are talking about here is an error of judgment," he said at a press briefing in the Lords. "Lord Hoffmann is a lawyer of the highest ability and should not be lost to the system for

that single error." The House of Lords was forced to set aside its original ruling that the former Chilean dictator did not enjoy immunity from extradition to stand trial for alleged human rights abuses, after Lord Hoffmann's Amnesty links became known. He was in the three-two major-

The fiasco divided the legal profession, with some supporting Lord Hoffmann but some senior judges angry that he had made them what one called "a laughing stock inter-

nationally". Amnesty International had told the law lords' hearing that General Pinochet had no immunity and should stand trial. The second hearing, costing an estimated £500,000, has just finished and judgment is expected in two or three

Lord Irvine, the head of the judiciary as well as the minister responsible for the legal system, admitted that the stand: ing of the legal system hale Taken a bit of a knock".

He said: "It is very, very unfortunate. It has never happend before this century and Idon't believe it will happen again in 100 years. I don't think there is any queston of Lord Hoffmann resigning."

The Lord Chancellor added: You can be absolutely sure that Lord Hoffmann was completely and utterly impartial inthe view he formed of the law.. He's a judge of the utmost in-

### Fly-by reveals secrets of Eros

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

PICTURES of the asteroid Eros taken by an American is smaller than expected.

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (Near) spacecraft took pictures of Eros just before Christmas as it flew by the asteroid after an unsuceessful firing of its main engine a few days earlier.

A later, successful firing put it on course to rendezvous with Eros to begin its planned year-long orbital mission. which is to start in about a year. During the fly-by. 222 photographs and supporting spectral observations were taken from 2375 miles away, They show that Eros is about 21 miles long, eight miles wide and eight miles deep, rather smaller than Earth-based radar studies suggested. It rotates once every 5.27 hours and apparently has no moons.

Its density is about 2.7 grams per cubic centimetre, close to the average density of the Earth's crust and about twice as dense as the asteroid Mathilde, of which the craft took pictures in 1997.

The Eros images show a ridge that extends along the asteroid for 12 miles. This feature, combined with the measurements of high density, suggests that Eros is a homogene ous body, rather than a collection of rubble." said Joseph Veverka, of Cornell University. who heads the imaging team. "It might be a remnant of a larger body that was shat-

tered by an impact." The surface of Eros is pocked with craters. The two largest are four miles and 5.3 miles in diameter respectively, less than half the size of Mathilde's largest craters. The existence of fewer, smaller craters could indicate that Eros has a relatively young surface. The craft and Eros will cross paths again next February, when the spacecraft will go into orbit around the asteroid. The fly-by of Eros has given us fundamental infor-

mation that will help us plan

a better orbital mission," sail Andrew Cheng, a project scientist at the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, which manages the programme. "It has taken some of the risk out. of our orbit insertion manoevvre and early operations."

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# Full Monty in aircraft lands police in court

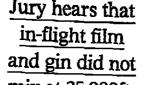
A POLICE inspector and his publican friend had a captive audience for their interpreta-tion of The Full Monty, but their fellow passengers and crew on a transatiantic flight were left angry and frightened by their drunken performance, a court was told.

As the gin flowed, so the swearing and bad behaviour increased from Inspector Dayid Perrett, 59, Peter Beck, 55, and Mr Perrett's son Richard. 26. a police constable, it was

. Two elderly women bore the Junt of the abuse after the pilot was called to try to control the group, who were returning from a golfing holi-day in Florida, the court was told. Betty Bailey, 71, said that she had not understood what was meant when one of the men said. "What's the betting it was the two dykes who snitched on us?", but she was immediately told by her friend, Ellen Bartlett, 78, that it was not pleasant.

The three men, all from Halifax, deny being drunk on board an aircraft, an offence under the Civil Aviation Act. They were arrested by waiting police when the Britannia Airways flight from Orlando touched down at Manchester last February.

ian Metcalfe, for the prosetold Manchester Crown Court that the three,



mix at 35,000ft, reports Russell

**Jenkins** 

who were seated on either side of the aisle, were served eight gin and tonics from the trolley and, shortly after, negotiated four more miniature bottles of gin and two whiskies. Passengers then saw them sharing a litre bottle of duty-free gin. Their behaviour deteriorated. Mr Metcalfe said, and they became aggressive and abusive towards passengers who complained to the cabin crew.

"It may be that the situation was not assisted by the choice of in-flight movie, which was The Full Monty. That, in some way, may have encouraged the defendants to use bawdy language and, in effect, show off," Mr Metcalfe said.

At one point, it was alleged, Peter Perrett and Mr Beck stood up drunkenly in their seats and began to copy the male strippers' dance routine from the film. John Swift, a passenger, said: "They put their arms in the air and they

went to the lavatory. She said that the chief stewardess came to talk to the men shortly after. One had his legs splayed across the aisle and it seemed to amuse him that people had to climb over him to

Mrs Bartlett, of Newcastleunder-Lyme, said that the man had made crude sexual comments about a stewardess and another woman. "It was all quite nasty."

women to the lavatory, where

ing and disgusting to people

who have no choice but to be

in close proximity for a consid-

said that the men's behaviour

left her feeling faint and upset

during the seven-and-a-half-hour flight. She said she could

not help but hear Mr Beck, sit-

ting across the aisle, utter a

succession of obscenities as

she tried to listen to classical

music on her headphones. At

one point she had to ask him

to take his feet off her armrest.

four who had recently been

widowed, said that she had

become distressed when one of

the men stood and glared at

her menacingly when she

Mrs Bartlett, a mother of

Mrs Bailey, of Wakefield,

erable period of time."

Beverley Hill, a senior stew-ardess, told the court that the passenger sitting in seat 19F. David Perrett, placed his hand on her hip in a suggestive manner as she attempted to serve breakfast.

The case continues.



Portrait of the artist getting to grips with his work: Sam Whiting, whose paintings have been on show already

### Art is child's play for 2-year-old who prefers painting to sweets

NORTH EAST CORRESPONDENT

AT FIRST sight, two paint-ings submitted for a city's art exhibition showed a sense of style reminiscent of Jackson Pollock. However, the influential Pollock was perhaps less likely to have painted a pizza. The new works are the crea-

tions of Sam Whiting, who is fulfilling some cynics' view-point that abstract art can seem like the work of a child. Sam is two years old. His interpretation of a pizza

and a work in blue and orange entitled Abstract are up for selection against paintings by adult artists for inclusion the Winter Exhibition at the Ferens Art Gallery, Hull. Sam, who has painted since he could hold a brush and palette property, has already impressed the local artistic community with his version of Bonfire Night, which was displayed at the gallery last year. Yesterday his mother, Claire, who paints heraldic devices, said: "When other kids



In the steps of a master: a genuine Whiting, left, and Pollock's Watery Paths

were having trouble getting a lid off a bottle, he was using a paintbrush. He doesn't make a mess with colours, they're always separated out. He prefers painting to sweets."

Ann Bukantas, the gallery's keeper of art, said that works were chosen purely on artistic merit. Her colleague David Scruton, who is organising the exhibition, said: "We do

not know for sure whether Sam's work has been accepted yet. This is an open exhibition and we have collectors who select the works displayed from the total submitted. We show only about 40 to 60 per cent of

the work submitted." Pollock, the American action painter, abandoned the use of brushes in favour of dripping and spattering his

rather than illustrate them He is regarded as the most challenging and influential American painter of the 20th century, and his works have sold for up to £1.5 million. From March II to June 6, the Tate Gallery in London is staging Britain's first Pollock retrespective in 40 years.

paint. He once said that he

wanted to express his feeling:

### **NEWS IN BRIEF** Care home boss jailed for cruelty

A care homes owner who illtreated patients with learning difficulties, including one offence that the judge said 'savours of sadism", was jailed for six months at Truro Crown Court. Donald Lee, 49. was convicted of ill-treating four patients, including a woman whose head he pushed underwater. David Poole, 40, a senior carer at the homes in Torrington. Devon, was jailed for three months for five charges of ill-treatment, Judge Graham Neville ordered that they serve half the sentences. with half suspended.

#### Air crash award

A typist whose right hand was badly hurt in a helicopter crash won £200,903 damages in the High Court. Ina Jacobs, 41. of Canvey Island, Essex. took the ride at Southend as a birthday treat. Corniche Helicopters admitted liability.

#### Legal battle lost

A group of 275 women who claim they have been made ill by the Norplant contraceptive device, made by Hoescht Marion Roussel, have been forced to abandon their battle for compensation after losing legal aid to fight a test case.

#### Amputation fear

A sailor who was flown to hospital in Hawaii after breaking his leg during the Clipper Round-the-World Yacht Race may have to have his foot amputated. Tim Richmond, 40, of Argyllshire, was injured when a rope wrapped round his leg.

#### Pupil cleans up

A teenager who became a school cleaner to fund her place at university has received £15,000 from wellwishers who read about her. Meggie Gan, 18, of Bruton School for Girls in Somerset, will read maths and physics at Cambridge.

#### Mark my word

A shop assistant who gave birth in a branch of Marks & Spencer has named her 7lb 2oz son Kyron Mark Spencer in honour of his birthplace. Charlotte McCalla, 22, of Birmingham, had no idea that she was

## TV deviation for Just A Minute

By Adam Sperwin

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Passengers said they were frightened by the behaviour of,

from left, Richard Perrett, Peter Beck and David Perrett.

AFTER some hesitation and a was "going home". Regular not a little deviation, Just A Minute, the long-running radio quiz. is to make its debut on BBC television.

The programme made famous by star voices such as the braying wit of Kenneth Williams and the upper crust tones of Derek Nimmo will move to BBC1 later this year, with Nicholas Parsons, its veteran chairman, still in charge.

Ian Messiter devised the format in 1949 for the BBC Light Programme and sold it to American television two years later. Three years ago, BBC executives rejected a proposal to televise the show and Messiter reluctantly sold it to Carlton. he ITV company ran two series under Parsons, but failed

to find a regular audience. Yesterday a delighted Mr Messiter said that the quiz

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panellists will be Wendy Richard, Tony Slattery, Kit Heskith-Harvey and Linda Smith. The rules will remain the same. Panellists win points for speaking spontaneously on a given subject without hesitation, repetition or deviation,

until the minute is up. Parsons, who has chaired more than 700 episodes of Just A Minute since it was first aired on Radio 4 in 1967, promises to remain the butt of his guests' jokes. "It is rather like holding a hyped-up dinner party where the guests engage in clever talk and try to score points off each other, and particularly at the expense of the

He will continue to preside over the radio version. When the programme seemed to be running out of steam a decade

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Parsons: will remain the butt of panellists' jokes

ago, new comedians such as Paul Merton and Jeremy Hardy were introduced to rejuve-

Enlightened television executives have long recognised the rich pickings to be found in the entertainment departments of BBC Radio. Ever since Tony

Hancock transferred his comic monologues from the Light Programme to the fledgling BBC television service, radio has been used as a breeding ground for talent.

The award-winning This Is Alan Partridge, with Steve Coogan, was plucked from radio. The character first appeared as part of On The Hour, a Radio 4 news spoof. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy began as book read-ings on Radio 4. Two television series were sold around the world. Radio panel games have always been quickly as-

BBC Television provided Radio 4 with money to make Goodness Gracious Me, the Asian comedy show, because BBC2 could not afford the expense of a series. When it became a hit BBC2 took it, but the programme's team will continue to work for Radio 4.

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### Barmaids fined over fatal whisky contest

By Paul Wilkinson, north east correspondent

TWO barmaids who sold double whiskies to a man who went on to die of alcoholic poisoning in a drinking contest with his father were both fined vesterday.

Shauna Wheatley and Mary Henderson admitted charges brought under rarely used licensing laws supplying drinks on credit and selling intoxicating liquor to a drunken person. Magistrates in Newcastle

upon Type were told that the barmaids from the New Inn in the city sold a succession of large whiskies to Herbert Hoyle, 55, and his son Michael, 28, who were drinking for a £110 prize. Wheatley, 40, was fined £400 and Hend-

erson, 58, was fined £300. Michael Cowen. for the prosecution, said that the two men went drinking on Easter Sunday last year and after five or six lagers in a club they went to the New Jan. "Mr

Hoyle senior recalled saying 'One day you will drink your father under the table.' They then started a drinking competition with double whiskies. "Mr Hoyle asked for drinks

on tick and Mrs Wheatley gave them to him. Mr Hoyle senior is unable to remember how many double whiskies they had and the next thing he remembers was being in

"Another barmaid. Janet Boyd, finished her shift at 5pm and at one point she heard Mr Hoyle senior say to his son, 'You're slacking.' He then poured his double whiskies into one glass and drank them in one. She then heard. him say Whoever wins this

Wheatley and Henderson refused to comment after the

At the inquest on Mr Hoyle, the Newcastle Coroner recorded a verdict of misadventure.

# £140m to give home carers a holiday

THE country's unsung legions of carers are to receive short breaks from their duties.

The money, announced yes-terday by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, will enable six million carers to take a holiday, attend evening classes, or simply catch up on household chores.

Spread over three years and available in England only, the grant provides official recognition that taking a break from caring is essential to reduce the psychological, emotional and physical stress faced by carers. The Scottish Office has allocated an extra £5 million a year for breaks and the Welsh Office will make an announcement next month.

Mr Prescott said that carers were the unsung heroes of British life. "One in eight people devotes large parts of their lives to helping others. There are very many stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary things." he said.

Grants will allow 'unsung heroes' to take a break from burden of

parent, including the designa-

tion of "link workers" in

schools, to help pupils who are

too scared to admit to teachers

that they are carers for fear of being taken into care.

centres about returning to

work or combining caring and employment. Carers of disabled children

will receive more practical sup-

port and carers who are not in

paid employment will also be

entitled to receive national in-

surance credits towards a sec-

Social workers and health

workers will be required to consider the needs of carers

when assessing the help re-

quired by the people they are

Carers will be able to consult personal advisers in job-

duties, reports Alexandra Frean the 25,000 to 50,000 children who care for a sick or disabled

save the nation more than £34 billion a year in providing services that might otherwise fall to health authorities and

More than 3.5 million carers look after someone with a disability and 850,000 provide help for more than 50 hours a week. Nearly 60 per cent of carers do not receive visits from the main providers of support services.

Although some councils and voluntary organisations provide support and respite care, provision throughout the country is patchy and inadequate.

The new money is part of a package of help for carers outlined in a policy document, Curing about Carers. The measures include council tax reductions for more disabled

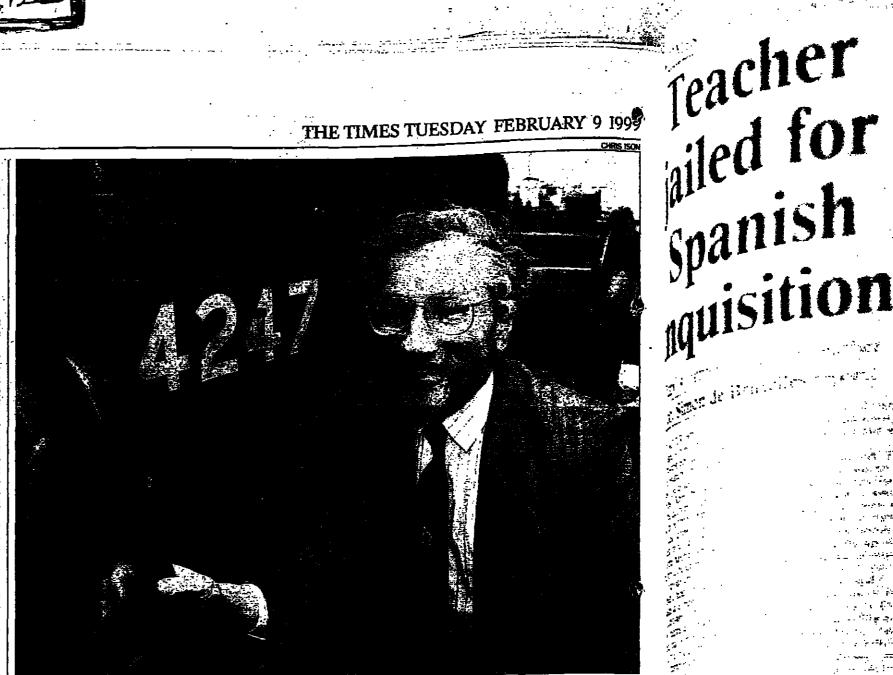
Carers' organisations ex-

posals contained no mention of specific funds to develop and run local support centres

David Butler, chief executive of the Princess Royal want to see extra money for local authorities wanting to set up carers centres, and an assurance of continuity of fund-ing for existing carers support

Carers, however, were more enthusiastic. Nikhil Mandavia. 19. of Barnet, North London, looks after his mother. who has leukaemia, and his father, a diabetic. He does all cooking and ferries his parents to hospital appointments.

He said: "The most impor-tant thing in this for me is that they are proposing that carers get breaks, so that they can



Full steam ahead: John Pearse yesterday with the locomotive that inspired the Rail Brain of Britain contest

### The undisputed king of all trainspotters

three hours a day for eight months swotting up on his fatitle of Rail Brain of Britain.

John Pearse, 57, a former British Rail manager, yester-day collected his modest prize. a single share in a restored 1916 tank engine. As newly crowned King of the Trainspotters, he can claim to know more about railways than almost anyone else alive.

To win against a hundred other entrants he had to an-Which European station has trification in operation? Even Mr. Pearse was temporarily stumped by that one, racking his memory of rail networks in the Low Countries before realising the answer was next door to his birthplace in Stratford, East London. Mr

Pearse, from Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, was helped by his wife, Marion, was accompanied him on expeditions to obscure libraries to find the answers.

The contest was organised by the 4247 Preservation Society to raise money to restore an 80-year-old engine rescued from a scrapyard in Barry. South Wales. Mr Pearse, who "train teasers", to be answered

the lot it did show me there were a lot of things I didn't know." Roger Wicksteed, the competition organiser, said: "He is a worthy winner. His knowledge of trains and the railway is second to none.

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### cleared on death charge

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A POLICEMAN who killed a pedestrian as he sped to answer a 999 call was yesterday cleared of causing death

by dangerous driving.
PC Ian Graham had been told by his control not to at-tend the emergency, but he said that he did not receive the message. When he hit John Todd, 39, he was driving on the wrong side of a suburban street at more than 60mph. There was uproar among Mr Todd's family when the jury returned its verdict at Newcastle Crown Court. His weeping sister ran out shouting: "My brother's life meant nothing."

PC Graham, 26, denied that he was driving dangerously when he hit Mr Todd in Washington, Tyne and Wear, in November 1997. As he sped along the dimly lit residential street. where the limit was 30mph, he overtook a car and swerved onto the other side of the road, passing a pedestrian crossing

and mounting the pavement. Mr Todd, a fitness instructor who had a ten-year-old son and whose wife was expecting another child, was going home from work when he was hit as he stepped into the road. He died in hospital.

PC Graham's counsel, Toby Hedworth OC said. "He are the said."

Hedworth, QC, said: "He was not driving dangerously when he responded to what he assumed was an emergency."

### Crash PC | Noye 'has lost battle to stay in Spain'

By GILES TREMLETT AND STEPHEN FARRELL

KENNETH Noye is expected to learn today that he has lost

his fight against extradition from Spain.

Mr Noye, 51, wanted for questioning over the M25 "road-rage" killing of Stephen Cameron, should be back in England by the cameron and the cameron and the cameron and the cameron are cameron. England by the summer, Span-

ish lawyers believe.

A Madrid court will today make public its ruling over Kent police's application to re-turn the 51-year-old property millionaire to Britain over the death of Mr Cameron, 21, with was stabbed to death on a slip road near Swanley, Kent in May 1996.

The lawyer representing the

British Embassy in Madrid, José Ramon Garcia, said that although he had not been officially notified he believed that the court had approved the extradition request. Detective Superintendent Dennis Mc-Gookin, leading the investiga-tion, said: "We have been advised that the extradition request will be granted."

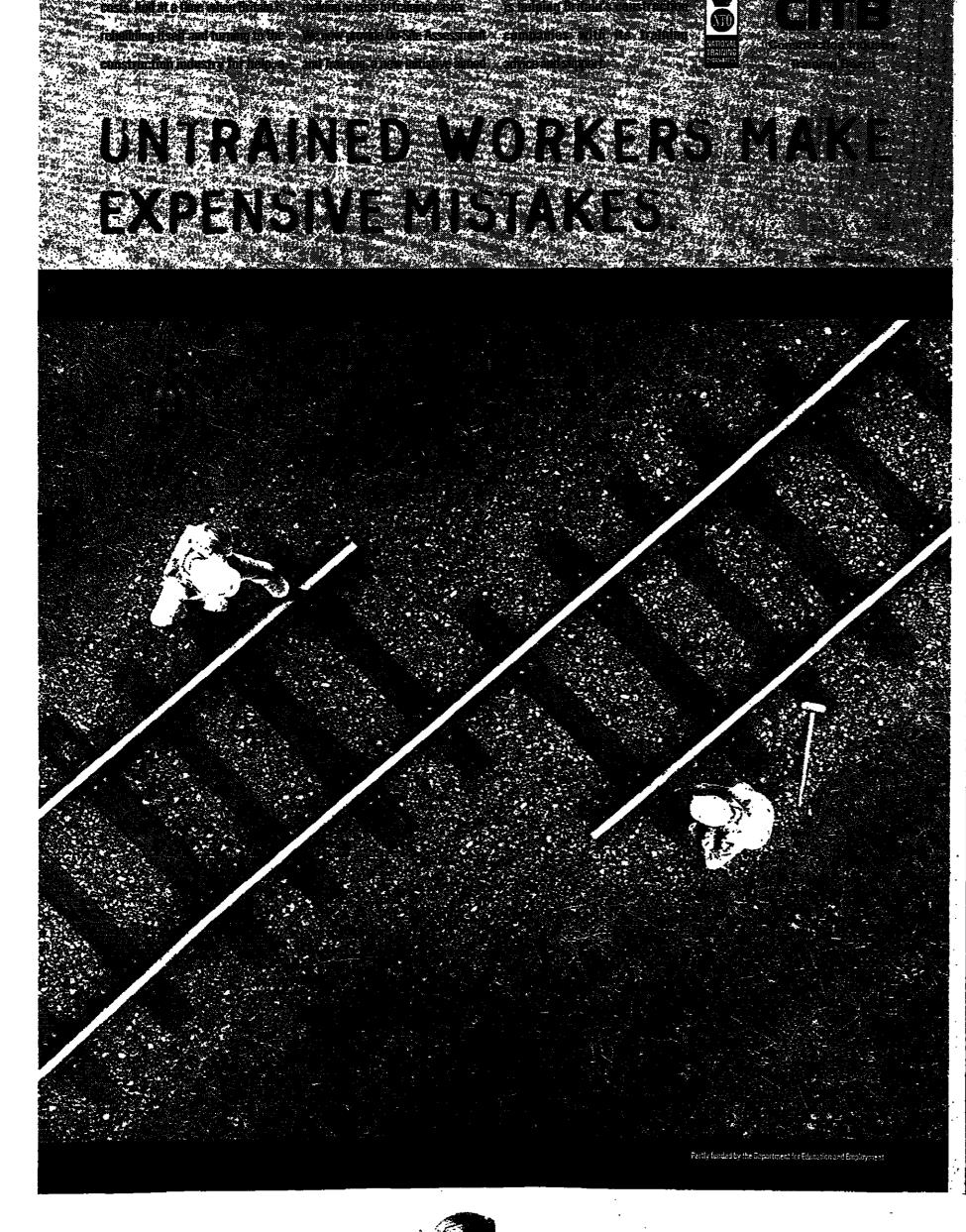
Mr Noye's Spanish lawyer. Mañuel Murillo, confirmed that if extradition had been approved he expected to present an appeal within three day Last week Mr Nove appeared in court in Madrid to

protest his innocence and

claim that he could not get a

fair trial in Britain

life



## Teacher jailed for Spanish inquisition

Pupil's tormentor had lost earlier job, Simon de Bruxelles reports

A TEACHER who forced a boy aged 14 to lie bare-chested on drawing pins during a test on his Spanish homework was jailed yesterday for three months. When the boy answered questions wrongly, he had to perform forfeits that included having an area gube included having an ice cube placed on his bare chest and walking barefoot over drawing pins at the teacher's home. Kevin Hawkins, 40, has resigned as head of modern lan-guages at a public school in Gloucestshire. After yester-day's hearing at Stroud magistrates court, it emerged that he had lost a job at a Home Counties comprehensive in 1987 af-ter a complaint that he had been undressing with pupils aged 12 and 13 in a storeroom during lunch breaks. At that time, his name had not been placed on the Department of Education's discretionary "List 99", which enables other

suspect teachers. The boy in the latest incident sustained a minor punc-ture wound to the chest. Hawkins admitted common assault at an earlier hearing, In trying to explain the incident, Conrad Sheward, for the defence, said: "Teaching can be a very fulfilling occupation, but sometimes it can distort the development of the teach-

schools to uncover the past of



Hawkins arrives at court: he is now blacklisted

er. If you spend most of your hours with schoolchildren, sometimes you behave like a

Yvonne Cant, chairman of the bench, told the teacher: "The offence is so serious that custody is the only way of dealing with it, because you were a person in a position of trust and authority. At your instruction, a pupil who at the age of 14 must be considered vulnerable was subjected to a completely unprovoked assault."
The boy had been ordered to

call at Hawkins's home in the school grounds after failing to hand in his homework. He was forced to perform a forfeit for every wrong answer on Spanish verbs. Martin Setchell, prosecuting, said: "The first forfeit was to stand on one leg. The second was to do press-ups. For the third, drawing pins were scattered across the floor and the boy had to remove his shoes and walk across the pins.

"Next the boy had to remove his top and lie bare chested across the drawing pins. For the next forfest, the defendant brought in a piece of ice and put this on the boy's chest." Af-ter the five forfeits, he fled the master's home and notified the school and the police. Hawkins told the police: "It

was a crazy thing to do and I am paying the price for it."
The court was told that he has now been placed on an Education Department blacklist which means he will never

teach again.

The headmaster of the school, which cannot be named, said all possible checks had been made before Hawkins joined the staff. He said: "All independent schools, as indeed all state schools, are remitted to carry out full required to carry out full checks, taking up references, checking List 99 and checking against criminal records. Nothing was found to indicate that s teacher was unsuitable."

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Daniel Grover's collection of tokens is boosted by his father, a postman

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A SCHOOL told by inspectors that it needed more books has been performing wonders in The Times Free Books for Schools scheme, thanks to a

one-boy collecting operation.

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Daniel amassed more than 1,000 tokens. Charlie Clare, headteacher

at the school, said: "All our children are putting their backs into the campaign, but Daniel has been the real star of the show. Our last Ofsted report said we must improve our stock of library books and this goal has become a key part of our literacy strategy.

Denise Grover, Daniel's mother, said: "Daniel has always loved books and, since The Times scheme started. ie's deen going tokens crazy The whole post room has given their support. It's been

Daniel's 13-year-old brother. Antony, wants the next batch of tokens to go to his school. Mrs Grover said. "He's begun saying it's not fair that Daniel's the one getting all the attention." ☐ If you have a story to tell

about collecting for scheme. call our hotline on 0171-895 9018 (office hours only). For in-quiries, call the helpline on 0845-604 0312.

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### Apple for Sir falls foul of town hall sleaze clean-up

By Shirley English

TEACHERS who accept ap-ples from grateful pupils risk falling foul of rules for employees to be adopted by a council. The innocent classroom tra-

dition is under threat from a code of conduct that will ban local authority employees from accepting any personal gifts or hospitality, however small. It is being introduced by East Renfrewshire council and applies to councillors and to all 3,500 employees. The measures, expected to be passed by a meeting of the full council tomorrow, have angered teachers' unions, who claim they constitute an insult

to the profession.

The council says the guide-lines are an effort to clean up the image of local government before the council elections in May. But critics of the catchall code complain that it fails to differentiate between small acts of kindness and genuine attempts to bribe or corrupt.

Tino Ferri, who teaches English and Italian in Glasgow, said: This is carrying the antisleaze campaign too far and to a place where it does not exist. Years ago I received a porcelain mug engraved in Latin from sixth-formers at the end

of term and I still treasure it." Mr Ferri, a member of the national executive of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women happening in society if a child cannot show his or her appreciation for their teacher?"

The guidelines say that the council expects the highest standards of conduct and integrity from its employees and elected members. The council is committed to the elimination of fraud and corruption. For this purpose, employees should not accept personal gifts, hospitality or legacies." A council spokesman confirmed that the code did cover small gifts and tokens of affection from pupils to teachers,

and said that problems might arise in secondary schools around examination times. when attempts might be made to influence grades with gifts. Councillors and officials will have to refuse private gifts or gestures of hospitality from

home helps and dustmen who traditionally get small gifts at Christmas will have to turn them down with apologies. Normal disciplinary procedures will be invoked against any employee caught break-

businesses. Lollinon ladies

ing the rules, or anyone found to have made malicious reports against colleagues. "There is clearly a million miles of difference between a teacher getting small gifts

from pupils or a planning director getting a huge bribe from a developer. But this is a catch-all code," the council spokesman said.

### PE master wins payout after assault case fails

By RICHARD DUCE

A TEACHER who was sacked before a court cleared him of assaulting a troublesome pu-pil reached an out-of-court settlement worth thousands of pounds yesterday.

Peter Singlehurst, 34, took his case for unfair dismissal to an employment tribunal after he was sacked from his physical education post at a Roman Catholic school in Kent.

The St John Fisher School in Chatham ignored police advice to stay any disciplinary action until the outcome of the court case. Mr Singlehurst was eventually cleared last month of assaulting the

14-year-old boy. On the day his tribunal case was to be heard in Ashford. the two sides agreed a cash settlement that is understand to be near the £12,000 maximum allowed. It is believed that Mr Singlehurst will be given an agreed reference.

The pupil, now 15, who had 23 detentions in one year, has since been suspended for an unrelated matter. He accused Mr Singlehurst of grabbing him by the throat during a classroom confrontation last May after the teacher ordered him to stand with his face against the wall for disrupting the lesson. Edmund Fowler, for the

prosecution at Medway Magistrates' Court, suggested to Mr Singlehurst: "Your hand went

glehurst replied: "No. I put the flat of my hand on his chest." Mr Singlehurst had been supported in court by colleagues. David Mundy, a former English teacher at the school, said of the boy: "Out-side class he was pleasant enough, but inside he was belligerent and rude. On one occasion I repeatedly asked him to be quiet and he put his face

straight to his throat." Mr Sin-

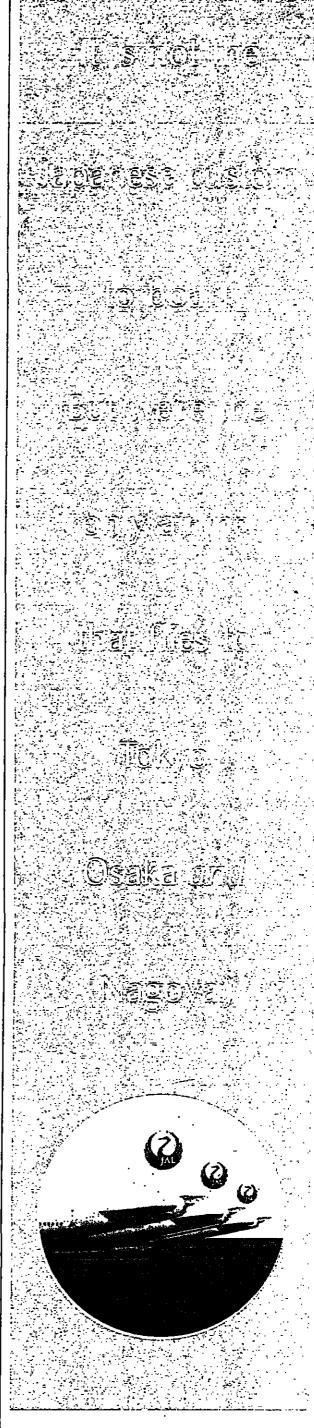
egging me on." After the settlement Mr Singlehurst said: "I can now move on with the rest of my life." He has been offered a place at Exeter University to study naval history. Keith Findlay, headteacher of the school, would not comment.

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me to hit him. He was clearly



Singlehurst: settlement could be near £12,000



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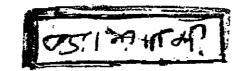
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# The Lords in their hands

'Heavyweight' team must decide future role of second House, write Philip Webster and Valerie Elliott

TWO leading trade union fig-ures, a former Tory Cabinet minister and a bishop were named yesterday as members of the Royal Commission which will decide on the shape and functions of the second House of Parliament.

The Government asserted that it had picked a "heavyweight and balanced" team to serve under the chairman. Lord Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission. They include Bill Morris, the left-wing general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

And it responded to criticism that the commission had been appointed merely to do the bidding of the Government by claiming that the membership showed that it was "not a poodle" of minis-

The commission has been asked to report by the end of the year on the second stage of reform, and one of its members admitted yesterday that it would have "to get its skates on" to meet the deadline.

Mr Morris, one of the surprises in the names issued yesterday, is joined on the commission by Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, who is a member of the Political Honours Scrutiny Committee and a former general secretary of the print union Sogat.

Lord Hurd of Westwell, the Tory former Foreign Secretary, is the leading Conservative on the list and has for long time taken a positive attitude to Lords reform. Dawn Oliver. who was a Liberal Democrat member of the Cook-Maclennan committee on constitutional reform before the last election, is the Liberal Democrat nominee.

The commission, which will hold its first meeting shortly. will make recommendations on the "role and functions" of a second chamber although its terms of reference require it to maintain the position of the House of Commons as the preeminent chamber". Its proposals will be considered by a joint committee of both Houses and ministers say they hope legislation could be passed to set up the new chamber the next election.

The Government last night ty may be."

warned Tory peers against obstructing its programme, ahead of debate on the Lords reform package. Baroness Jay of Paddington, leader of the Lords, was commenting after Conservatives tabled an amendment on tomorrow's second reading of the Health

Lady Jay said: "Such a motion from the official Opposition at second reading is unprecedented since 1985.

"If this is an indication that the Opposition are withdrawing from the usual conventions of the House, that is a matter that will have to be taken into consideration when other matters more directly affecting the House of Lords are being considered."

Ministers have said that they are "minded" to support the temporary retention of 91 of the 750 hereditary peers, pending full-scale reform. But this is dependent on Tory peers not obstructing the Government's programme.

The Health Bill abolishes the NHS internal market, sets up Primary Care Trusts, establishes a Health Improvement Commission and increases the penalties for prescription

The House of Lords Bill, ending the automatic right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the upper chamber, gained its Commons second reading last week and starts its detailed committee stage next

Lord Strathelyde, the Tory peers' leader, said: "Labour want a weak Parliament. We want a stronger one. We trust the Commission will now help "We hoped to see more inde-

pendent academics and constitutionalists on the Commission but we trust that Lord Wakeham and Mr Kaufman will resist backstairs pressure from No 10." He insisted: "The Commis-

sion must see the new House maintains the spirit of the existing one, and they must take evidence from the public. "After all, Parliament exists to defend the liberties of the people. It must not act as the

rubber stamp of any government, however great its majori-











### Ready to think the unthinkable

The remaining ten members of the Royal Commission were named vesterday. Tony Blair had already confirmed that Lord Wakeham was to be the chairman and Gerald Kaufman, the Labour MP. had also been appointed. The

Lord Butler of Brockwell, 61. former Cabinet Secretary and now Master of University College Oxford. Turned down the chairmanship because of a heavy commitment at the col-lege, which is celebrating its 750th anniversary. A former custodian of the constitution, he will be a stickler for propriety and detail. Known as a smooth operator, he will ensure consensus. He and Douglas Hurd could prove a power-

Baroness Dean of Thorntonle-Pyide, 55, the former trade union leader who is fast becoming the female face of the new Labour Establishment. Very active in the Lords, and a member of the Privy Council sub-committee which litical honours.

Valerie Elliott examines what the ten new appointees can bring to the

former Conservative Northern Ireland, Home and Foreign Secretary, who has carved a new career in international banking. Known as a thinker, he gives weight to all sides in a debate. But wedded to tradition - he hates tinkering with things that work - he could

prove awkward. The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, 59. A leading liberal, extremely bright, and one of the most active senior churchmen. Likes a fight and can take on leading scientists and academics and beat them. A leading propo-nent of "Just War" - the Church's justification for use of war, and backed use of force against Iraq. Sir Michael Wheeler-Booth,

65, former clerk of the Parliaments, knows more about the subject than anyone else on Lord Hurd of Westwell, 65, the commission and has heard

Royal Commission on Lords reform all the arguments pro and con. For him it is a case of déjà vu - he was involved in the Crossman plan 30 years ago to reform the Lords when he was joint secretary of the inter-par-

ty conference on Lords reform. Anthony King, 64. Professor of Government at University of Essex, and former member of public standards watchdog. Great value on a committee, thinks the unthinkable and says it. Not afraid of controversy. Will cut through humbug. Frequently tipped as a future member of Upper House. Bill Morris, 60, general secretary of the Transport and Generai Workers' Union. His appointment is seen as a sop to the unions. Close to Gordon

Brown, and has frequently caused trouble for the Labour leadership. A Eurosceptic Dawn Oliver, constitutional lawyer at University College. from north of the border.

London. The second choice for the Liberal Democrats after Julia Neuberger turned it down. She has worked hard for the party on constitutional issues, she served on the joint Labour/ Lib-Dem consultative committee on constitutional reform and has worked as an aide to Robert Maclennan, the party's constitutional spokesman. A solid background figure, rewarded with some limelight. Ann Beynon, national manager of BT Wales. A fully-fledged member of the Welsh establishment elite. Married to Leighton Andrews, Wales's leading political lobbyist and PR consultant, who organised

the "Yes for Wales" campaign

in the devolution referendum.

A member of the Weish Lan-

guage Board and a governor of National Film and Television Council. Kenneth Munro, chair of the Centre for Scottish Public Policy and former European Commission representative in Scotland. Worthy member of Scotash Labour establishment and rather predictable nominee

### Don't expect fireworks from cautious choice

ome members of the Royal Commission were worried about how much time it would take up. They were reas-sured that it might involve perhaps a couple of long weekends at Ditchley, as one Cabinet minister says. only half-jokingly. They will certainly not have to spend the whole of a hot summer together as the au-thors of the American constitution did in Philadel-phia in 1787.

The Government takes a mission's work. Its function is to examine some fairly narrow questions and help to establish popular con-sent for long-term reform. Reform of the Lords links many strands of constitutional change the role of Parliament, the judges, devolution and Europe. A changed second chamber could bind these together. Last month's White Paper raises these possibilities but imposes strict limits on the

terms of reference. The Commons alone will determine who forms a Government and its on POL right to remain

in office, must continue to have sole powers over the provision of financial support and "must ultimately have the right to secure any of its legislation introduced in the Commons with the consent of the Commons alone, except for a Bill to extend the life of a Parliament".

At present, the Lords is both legally constrained and observes self-denying ordinances over its powers. The White Paper suggests institutionalising the understandings under which the Lords operates by leaving the powers intact but restricting the circumstances under which they are used.

But "a better approach" might be to reduce the theoretically available powers, recognising that they might be used more often. This might affect the length of Rill contd layed, the creation of forments between the two Houses and the second chamber's powers over sec-

ondary legislation. The White Paper also gives a few nods and winks about how the commission should look at the relationship of the second chamber to the new devolved bodies and to the European Parliament. The Government wants a hybrid House, mixing nominated members, including some existing life peers, plus some indirectly elected and possibly elected members.

This considerably narrows the remit of the commission. There are still important issues on whether representation from the nations and regions of Britain should be of voters, legislatures or executives. So ministers are principally lookview on the balance of a mixed second chamber. Moreover, the Government will also be putting forward

its own view, via a Labour submission, and ministers will not, of course, commission's rec-

The membership is

weighty but unadventurous, with a couple of obvious weak links. The career of Lord Wakeham, the chairman, has been marked by finding workable solutions to problems rather than by intellectual radicalism. The same is true of several other members, though Lord Hurd of Westwell could surprise given his strong views on the constitution. And Lord Butler of Brockwell, the former Cabinet Secretary, has already stated his opposition to a wholly appointed House. Sir Michael Wheeler-Booth, the former Lords clerk, is not an obvious fan of the Government's consti-

tutional programme. Don't expect any fireworks, but rather some cautious compromises to fill in the gaps of an already well

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Menzies Campbell competed in the 1964 Olympic Games. His rivals should not underestimate his staying power

### Veteran sprinter with will to win

Menzies Campbell is limbering up for the Lib Dems' leadership race. Mark Inglefield reports

wife has been known to describe her 57-year-old husband as the "fastest white man on earth", a reference to the time he sprinted for his country in the 1964 Olympic

For this reason alone the younger hopefuls limbering up for the Liberal Democrat leadership race would be well advised not to underestimate Mr Campbell's staying power or will to win.

Certainly Menzies (pronounced Ming, as in vase) is relaxed about his elder statesman status, "I am what I am. It's a fact which will be in peonle's minds, but not an important one, I hope," he says.

He laughs off the fact that he is dieting to get in shape for the contest - it was reported at the weekend that he was just 7lb heavier than his physical peak. "It's purely coincidental," he says. "I walk a lot in my constituency."

Mr Campbell, a Scottish lawyer, is in appearance a million miles away from the Liberai Democrat stereotype. With

MENZIES CAMPBELL'S his bespoke suits. Jermyn Street shirts and elegant silk ties he cuts a sartorial figure around Westminster.

"I don't know if being known for that is a good thing or not," he says. "It reminds me of what Jeremy Thorpe said. You should dress to the right and look to the left'."

His background, he says, is ordinary. His father was a building manager and mother a civil servant.

He is the only frontrunner who is married. His wife, Elspeth, is considered an asset, but Mr Campbell insists he would never play the marriage card. But would his wife be happy about him becoming a leader of a political party? "My wife is a great enthusi-

ast." he says carefully. That may be so, but friends are surprised he is even contemplating standing. He saw at first hand the mauling Lord Steel of Aikwood and his wife Judy were given by the press during the 1987 election campaign, and said at the time "it was not a price I would be prepared to pay". So when did he



Campbell in RAF kit: sortie was "very frightening"

change his mind? "I think it's rather vulgar to apply for a job when there isn't a vacancy," he

Mr Campbell came late to Westminster. He won Fife North East in 1987 - his fifth attempt at a seat - at the age of 46, by when most ambitious MPs have already established

themseives. But he sailed through a variety of spokesman jobs before reaching his present position. speaking on foreign affairs and defence. He is considered an effective performer in the Commons, as well as on television. He was a close ally of Paddy Ashdown, and the only leadership contrader to sit on

He will not be drawn on the extent to which co-operation will be continued, but speaks positively about constructive oppo-

But critics suggest that he may well find himself hampered by a lack of support among the bobble-hatted, open-toe sandalled activists who will decide the matter. "He doesn't go to a lot of

fringe meetings at party conferences, and that counts for a lot in this party," a senior Liberal Democrat says. "It will stane." against him in a one member. one vote election."

Mr Campbell rejects this. "I go to all the fringe meetings that concern my areas of interest," he says.

Some say the very difference between Mr Campbell and Mr Ashdown - the Special Boat Squadron action man and the urbane, easily likeable, lawyer - could swing in

his favour. But a photograph in his Westminster office seems to say otherwise - Mr Campbell dressed up in RAF pilot kit after a sortie in a Tornado jet. All very macho. I ask about it. but his answer removes an suspicion that he is concealing the Paddy within. Meekly, he says: "It was very frightening-but I wasn't sick."

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# THE TIMES TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9 1999 Blood scandal trio in Paris trial deny all the charges. The case is based on actions brought by



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Fabius: stands accused of criminal negligence

IN PARIS

LAURENT FABIUS, the former French Prime Minister, and two members of his Cabinet will be tried today for manslaughter for their role in the contaminated blood scandal that spread Aids to more than 4,000 people.

The case comes 15 years after haemophiliacs in France were allegedly infected be-cause of the criminal negligence of M Fabius and the two former Health Ministers, Georgina Dufoix and Ed-mond Hervé. The defendants, who face up to five years in prison if found guilty, stand as representatives of a French elite that will itself be on trial

ing before the specially constituted Court of Justice of the

"In this country, where poli-tics is at its lowest ebb, we must try the politicians," Laurent Jostrin, editor of the news-paper Libération, said yesterday. "It is their only chance to prove themselves innocent it is their only chance to regain public confidence."

Victims say that the three eminent Socialists displayed the haughty nationalism that has brought the ruling Gallic caste into disrepute when they ignored warnings about the emerging Aids epidemic.

The prosecution says that in 1985 they had ultimate responsibility for a blood transfusion

donors in high-risk groups in prisons and red-light districts. Critics claim that the ministers refused to order officials to verify and sterilise blood products known to be at risk of contamination.

Le Monde newspaper said that they were suffering from a national delusion that Gallic blood was inherently pure. As a result, France has recorded 13 times more Aids cases among hospital patients than Britain and six times more than Germany. Of the 4.333 people who contracted Aids

from contaminated blood. more than 1,000 have died. M Fabius, 52, and the two former Health Ministers are accused of intervening to delay

can-made HIV screening test that would have separated clean from contaminated blood. Prosecutors said that the three held up the process for several months to give the Pasteur Institute time to market its own test.

Mme Dufoix, 55, and M Hervé, 56, are also accused of failing to stop the distribution to haemophiliacs and hospitals of contaminated blood and of failing to inform patients of the risks taken.

The defendants say that they reacted as soon as officials alerted them to the dangers, and point out that France began screening blood products before many other countries, including Britain. They

is based on actions brought by seven victims, five of whom have since died and all of whom were given contaminated blood between April and September 1985. The hearing follows the 1992 trial of four senior public health officials who were given prison sentences after being found guilty of fraud in connection with the

scandal. Widespread public revulsion at the absence from the defendants' box of M Fabius and his ministers forced the authorities to set up the Court of Justice of the Republic to near the secuel to the case seven years ago. The court is made up of three magistrates

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### Toreros threaten TV coup de grâce

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

SPAIN'S armchair bullfight fans were yesterday facing the threat of a season without televised bullfighting as the country's senior toreros said they would refuse to fight in front of the cameras.

Major bullfighting figures such as Enrique Ponce, the teenage mata-dor Julian Lopez and top woman bullfighter Cristina Sánchez have ali said they will down their capes and swords if a television camera is pointed at them.

Their refusal to fight for television threatens one of the principal afternoon pastimes of armchair, or bar-stool. Spanish fans who are used to seeing a fight a day through much

of the spring and summer.
The threat from the bullfighters comes just two weeks before the Spanish builfighting season starts.

The major toreros bave no quarrel with the fees they receive from television stations but have declared the boycott in sympathy with toreros in the lower ranks, who get nothing for televised fights.

Now the Association of Bullfighters has stepped in on their behalf. It is demanding a minimum fee of £400 for taking part in a televised fight, though this may reach £7,000 in a firstclass bullring.

"It is a matter of personal dignity," said Luis Fran-cisco Esplá, the matador who leads the association. "If the organisers will not agree on this then we will have to negotiate directly. with television stations."

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The French Environment Minister's political adviser, Vincent Jacques Le Seigneur, sorts through the mess left yesterday after farmers raided the ministry's offices in Paris. The attack was part of a protest against plans to

### French farmers raid ministry

mon agricultural policy (Adam Sage writes). The farmers also clashed with police and spread dung in the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, a

college for trainee civil servants and diplomats. M Le Seigneur said: "The offices have been ransacked. The

boards have been overturned and the ministerial papers have been thrown out of the window." The Minister, Dominique Voynet, called the action scandalous. Police said that they had arrested more than 200

### Mobile threat to Kosovo diplomacy

DIPLOMATS at the Kosovo peace talks said yesterday that the widespread use of mobile nones by Seto and Addamat delegates supposedly negotiating in isolation was bedevil-

ling the process. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and his French counterpart, Hubert Védrine, will attempt to push the pace of the conference at a working lunch

today, but curbing the use of mobile phones could be of more immediate benefit. At the 1995 Dayton peace

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Telephone technology is frustrating efforts to isolate peace delegates, writes Tom Walker in Rambouillet restrial telephone system is in a state of disrepair. The dele-gates have found that their mo-

biles pick up the local French

networks at the heavily-guard-

ed château, and they have

conference that brought peace to Bosnia, mobile phones also posed a problem. But the remoteness of the Ohio airforce base and the relative shortage of phones contained the nuisance they caused.

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been busy spinning their version of the talks to the doz-Four years on, mobiles have become a standard tool of Balens of partisan Serb and Albanian journalists outside. kan politicians, especially in Mobile links helped the Yugoslavia where the ter-Serb delegates to put out a story claiming that the Albani-ans had signed up on the first

day of talks to the principle that Kosovo should stay within Yugoslavia. This red-herring dominated the evening press briefing and annoyed the British, French

and American spokesmen try-ing to control the flow of inforsovo Liberation Army leader

were undone by mobile con-tacts between Rambouillet

Likewise, their attempts to cover up stories that the chief Albanian negotiator was a Koand Pristina, which confirmed the news. The main Albanian interpreter in the château is, in fact, a journalist with the biggest selling Kosovo daily newspaper, Koha Ditore, which splashed the development.

On B92 radio in Belgrade yesterday, bulletins carried rumours that mobile phones were being confiscated by French security staff, but diplo mats said that delegates had been merely requested to turn their handsets off at certain crucial moments.

"Technically we could scan them all with metal detectors. but they are confined to the château and in this day and age you have to ask yourself if you really can shut people like Deputy Prime Ministers off in this way," said a diplomat involved in the talks. "And what if the Serbs want to talk to Milosevic? They have to keep

some links open." Indeed, the Yugoslav delega-

tion has been angered by French protocol, and so far there have been no links estaband President Milosevic of Yugoslavia because of security

The Yugoslavians complained that their logistical support team was unable to set up secure telephone lines in a nearby motel offered by the French, which they claimed was a brothel.

They went back to Paris and are still looking for somewhere where they can install their equipment," said a Serb journalist who keeps in regular contact with the delegation inside the château by mobile phone and then relays mess-

ages to the support unit. Belgrade newspapers yester day also carried the news that the French Defence Ministry had declared the area over the château and its grounds a no-fly zone.

Airborne surveillance of the conference was in any case impossible yesterday as a snowstorm descended on Ram-

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FROM ALICE LAGNADO IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA is to launch new polar air routes that would mean faster flights from Europe and

America to Asia.

A route is planned from Britain to Japan that would save up to 14 hours on a flight that usually takes 11 hours, 40 minutes. Routes from the US to Asia have already been tried out. Last July Cathay Pacific flew from New York to Hong Kong in 154 hours, cutting flying time by 514 hours. Experts estimate up to 400 flights per week could use the routes.

The Russians have been carrying out test flights since last summer and expect foreign planes to start cruising over the North Pole from next year. Leonid Shcherbakov, the head of state air control, said yesterday that his department was working on a London-Tokyo route which could save

hours. Russia is hoping to profit from the new routes. Yuri Averyanov, deputy head of state air control, said polar flights through Russian airspace could earn the country \$200 million (£123 million) between 2000 and 2010.

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# Senate agonises on rebuke to Clinton

began in Bill Clinton's trial last night, senators intensified their attempts to find agreement on a way of rebuking the President after his inevitable acquittal this week.

Democratic senators, many of whom have wanted to abandon the trial and censure Mr Clinton since the proceedings began, hope Republicans will join them in a condemnation of the President when the trial ends on Thursday or Friday. But there is opposition from some Republicans who believe such a move is unconstitutional and smacks of face-saving by politicians who want to be seen to deplore Mr Clinton's conduct but do not have the courage to convict and remove him from office.

"Impeachment is about the Constitution. Censure is about getting political cover," said Phil Gramm, a Republican senator from Texas. "They want to be on both sides of the issue. They want to say the President is not guilty. They want to say he's guilty."

Opening the prosecution's remarks, James Sensenbrenner, a Wisconsin Republican. said the trial was not caused by those arguing the case, or Kenneth Starr, the independ-ent prosecutor, "Regardless of what others might say, this was caused by William Jefferson Clinton, no one else." He said it was not about the

cember 31 it will be Panama's problem.

Outraged Panamanians say that is not

good enough. They are backed by a grow-

As the President awaits his acquittal,

support grows for censure, writes

Damian Whitworth in Washington

and obstruction of justice, and that acquitting Mr Clinton would set a dangerous prece-dent, sending the country on a path "back towards an imperial presidency above the law. Keeping Mr Clinton in

office, he went on, when he was guilty of criminal conduct would undermine the authority of the President, undermine the rule of law and cheapen those words that have set

However, support appeared to be growing for a motion of censure endlessly redrafted by Robert Bennett, a Republican, and Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, which would state that Mr Clinton's behaviour had been "shameless, reckless and indefensible" and that he had "deliberately misled and de-

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ceived the American people". The carefully crafted denun-



Ammer's view of the Republican Party's dilemma in

US military relics anger Panama

ciation would not say that Mr Clinton was guilty of charges he faces in the trial — perjury and obstruction of justice but that he "gave false and misleading testimony and impeded discovery of evidence in judicial proceedings".

Mr Bennett said that most senators favoured censure and wanted "to leave some kind of formal statement of indignation and outrage over what this President has done".

With the videotaped deposi-tions from Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal apparently failing to convince any more senators that Mr Clinton should go, it is clear that the required two thirds of the 100-member body will not find him guilty. The only question is how many Republicans will side with Democrats and vote for acquittal.

Democrats hope that a censure motion could be brought to the Senate on Friday after votes on the articles of impeachment on Thursday.

There is likely to be argument today over whether or not to open debate on the articles of impeachment to the public. Some Republicans are wary of a televised debate in which Democrats are expected to condemn them for prolonging the trial - a view likely to appeal to the public, who dearly wish it would end.

Michael Gove, page 16

### Hero on the \$1 bill gets a \$3m facelift

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

NEVER before has there been such a campaign to save the image of a Presi-dent. He will be marketed like a pop star. Tens of thousands of communities across America will be encouraged to hold celebrations of his achievements. The press will be deluged with positive stories. Robert Redford is even thinking of making a film of his life.

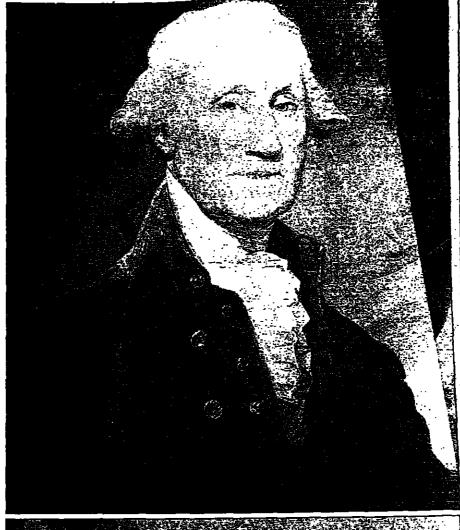
For George Washington, first President of the United States, it is time for a serious \$3 million (£1.8 million) makeover. Two hundred years af-ter his death, the man who won the War of Independence, had the capital named after him, and gives people the world over a patrician look every time they pull out a \$1 note, is to receive the attentions of a marketing team

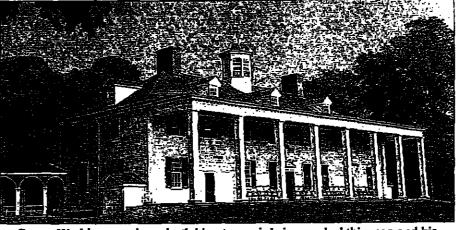
and the spin doctors.

His problem is that people do not really know who he was. At a push they remember that he was the first President or that he appears on "greenbacks." But that's it. In polls for the greatest Presidents. Washington does not get a look in (Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt

are the top three.) "He had great name-recognition, but not a high quo-tient of excitement. Dull, boring. He was the first President, of course. So what?" said Michael Quinn, deputy director of programmes at ton's home on the banks of the Potomac River near the city that bears his name. "He was a victim of his success. He made it look too easy."

The difficulty — and President Clinton may or may not find this comforting - is that people tend to remember a President who has a whiff of scandal about him. Thomas child by his slave, Sally Hemof television programmes and films. The fact that





George Washington, whose death bicentenary is being marked this year, and his home, Mount Vernon, on the Potomac near the capital that bears his name

recent DNA tests appear to prove the stories has boosted his fame even more. The childless, untarnished Wash-

ington iust cannot compete. But Mr Quinn insists that perceptions can be changed. He actually had one of the more interesting lives you can imagine," he said.

rags-to-riches story, from self-taught-surveyor to brilliant general to statesman. His importance as an architect - even though Mount Vernon is surprisingly modest - and his work as a farmer and environmentalist will

be trumpeted. An exhibition of artefacts is touring the country with such gems as his ivory teeth, two new websites are up and new books are heading for the shops.

About 50,000 communities are to be encouraged to mark the bicentenary by planting trees and ringing bells. A make it feel like the Diana funeral," said Melissa Groppel, manager of special events.

#### ing number of American voices, including FROM DAVID ADAMS the former President Jimmy Carter who IN PANAMA CITY signed the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties FOR almost a century America's military that set the timetable for US departure. "We are walking away from our responsihas used the rainforest beside the Panabilities there," said John Lindsay-Poland. delicate environment ma Canal for target practice and to test ex-Experts say that the Pentagon is exag-gerating the technical difficulty and enviplosives, including chemical weapons. director of the Fellowship of Reconcilia-But, as the United States prepares to tion, a San Francisco-based peace group. hand over the canal and its bases by the The US presence has always been conend of this year, it says that it cannot clean

troversial. To get the canal built, it manuup all the hazardous munitions left befactured the separation of Panama from Colombia in 1903, then created its own colhind. Buried in the rainforest are an unony around the waterway. In America reknown number of UXOs - unexploded ordnance - that the Pentagon says cansentment at handing back the canal linnot be removed. Although about 30,000 eers: Mr Carter recently ackowledge: that signing the 1977 treaties was one of acres, the bulk of the ranges, are being swept clean, it says another 7.000 will his most unpopular moves. have to be fenced as off-limits. After De-

Officials reject accusations that America has failed to meet its Canal Treaties obligations, including taking all "practicable" measures to remove hazards. Uneven

and dense jungle terrain is said by military officials to make it technically impossible to clean all "impact areas". To find buried UXOs would require cutting down vegetation, causing untold damage to a

ronmental risk to avoid paving for a prop-er clean-up. Panamanians, who say their country - population 2.7 million - lacks the resources to tackle UXOs, worry about the risk to human life, pointing out that at least 21 people have been killed and others maimed by leftover explosives

US officials can find records of only seven deaths, and some feel the Central Americans should be more grateful; the United States is, after all, leaving behind property with an estimated market value of \$4 billion (£2.5 billion).

### Safe after 12-day snow ordeal

Leavenworth, Washington: A pair of boots sticking out of the snow led to the rescue of a for 12 days after a snowmobile

George Back, 50, was hallucinating and frostbitten but alive when found beside his two barking Norfolk terriers

Diane McManus, 44, was dead. Mr Back and his wife had rented two snowmobiles on January 27 near Fish Lake. about 80 miles east of Seattle. They tucked the dogs inside

their snow suits for what they had expected to be a two-hour outing. They became lost when a storm closed in and a called off two days later. Two men who were riding snowmobiles in the area on Sunday spotted Mr Back's hole that he had formed in the

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him." one the men said. (AP)

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Flood toll reaches

20 in Philippines

Manila: Flash floods killed 20 people and displaced more

than 110,000 families in the Caraga region on the island of Mindanao, officials in the Philippines said yesterday. Rain has been continuous for four days although the floods were

starting to recede in some parts, the officials said, and the

Government was considering declaring a "state of calamity".

# Itrea border clashes spread

Lodge in Addis Ababa on diplomatic alarm as an tanks and jets attack

forces spread ints yesterday. accusing the

dashes at the ind the Eritreanave of Badme on section of the rder, there were ks of heavy fightay around the cen-Tsorona, and the nt near Burie. said its ground pported by fighter

planes, were engaged in exten-sive counter-offensives on all fronts. A government spokes-woman, Selome Taddesse, said Ethiopian artillery had destroyed an Eritrean radar station at Tsorona, inflicting unspecified casualties.

She gave no word on Ethiopian military losses, but said that seven civilians had been seriously injured during Eri-trean shelling of the town of Adigrat, carried out "in a desperate measure to compensate for losses on the battlefield.



Eritrea, for its part, said hundreds of Ethiopian solu diers had been killed since the fighting started by Saturday with 250 killed in Sunday's clashes alone. Dozens more said Eritrean forces were continuing to hold their ground against attacks from Ethiopia in the Tsorona region.

Zemiret Yohannes, a senior Eritrean government official. said: They are trying to attack our trenches with tanks, artillery and troops. They have not reached our trenches." There were no independent reports on the fighting.

Salim Ahmed Salim, the Secretary-General of the Organi-sation of African Unity, yesterday called on both sides "to im-... mediately put an end to the current fighting and accept. an OAU peace plan that was drafted in November. He called on leaders of both countries "to exercise restraint "

... and do everything in their power to avert a further escalation of the conflict". The latest fighting broke an

uneasy ceaselire that has more or less prevailed since hundreds of people were killed in artillery exchanges and bombing raids last May. Tension has been heightened in recent weeks by Eritrean refusal to withdraw from territory occupied duririg the May clashes.

Only a week ago the Eri-trean side pledged not to fire the first shot in renewed fighting, an offer dismissed by the Ethiopians, who said Eritrea had already opened hostilities by occupying territory and that action by Ethiopia would be purely in self-defence. In the event, each side

blamed the other for breaking the ceasefice. Ethiopia first accinsed Entirea of carrying our bombing raids on Friday against: Ethiopian .. positions near Badme. Eritrea denied this and said that Ethiopia had stanted the offensive with ground troops backed by heli-copter gunships.

Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, said the fighting was completely unacceptable to the international community" and called on both sides to to find a peaceful solution.

Britrea fought a 30-year war of independence against Ethiopia from the 1960s, effectively winning independence in 1991 formally confirmed by a referendum two years later:

### Vatican killer had 'traces of cannabis'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

AFTER a nine-month in quiry, the Vatican yesterday said that the case of a Swiss Guard who killed his commanding officer and then shot himself was closed, and sug-gested for the first time that the murderer had been under the influence of cannabis.

A summary of the judicial findings confirmed the Vatican's assertion, immediately after the tragedy last May, that Vice-Corporal Cedric Tor-nay, 23, killed Colonel Alois Estermann, 44, the newly appointed head of the Pope's protection force, and his wife Gladys, 49, in a "fit of madness". It said that Vice-Corporal Tornay was mentally unsta-ble, had felt persecuted by

sented being passed over for a military honour.

Muguette Bandat-Tornay. Vice-Corporal Tornay's mother, contested the Vatican's conclusions, insisting that her son had been "framed" as part of a Vatican plot to eliminate the

Colonel Estermann, and re-

Nicola Picardi, the Vatican lawyer who led the inquiry. said traces of cannabis were found in Vice-Corporal Fornay's body after the murder.

Landslides and collapsed bridges isolated some towns, and wide areas of Butuan, the largest city in the region, were without power, they added. The National Disaster Coordinating Council said damage totalied 123 million pesos (£2 million) in the four rice and corn-growing provinces that make up the region. (Reuters)

### Tamils in sea battle

Colombo: Sri Lankan naval gunboats destroyed two Tamil Tiger rebel boats and damaged another four in a battle off the northern Jaffina peninsula, naval officials said. State radio said 15 rebels were killed, but the officials said they were unsure of guerrilla casualties. Four sailors were wounded. The battle started when patrol ships engaged two rebel boats believed to be transporting supplies near the Delft islands, 181 miles north of the Colombo. (Reuters)

### Nazi's sentence eased



ed house arrest to the convicted Nazi war criminal Erich Priebke, left, who is 86 and in poor health, the Italian news agency Ansa reported. The former SS captain was convicted last year for his role in the 1944 massacre of 335 civilians at the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome and sentenced to life. He had been serving his sen-tence in the Forte Boccea military prison in Rome. (AP)

### Christians killed

Delhi: Two Christian teenagers were killed and another was critically wounded in an area of India's east that has experienced a spate of recent attacks directed at the country's Christian minority, according to reports yesterday. The unidentified attackers attempted to rape one of the victims, a girl, before killing her and another boy, a newspaper quoted the Orissa state police as saying. (AP)

### Tibetans can 'betray'

Delhi: The Dalai Lama is advising Tibetans to give in to Chinese pressure to denounce him, saying it would not be considered a betrayal. His spokesman in the northern Indian city of Dharmsala said that the spiritual leader, exiled there since fleeing from Tibet in 1959, had given the advice to more than 1,000 refugees. They were among three groups that he had met at different times during the past three months. (AP)

### Rats catch out China

Beijing: The northern Chinese region of Ningxia is warning of a "rat disaster" as the number of rodents increases and tonnes of wheat are being destroyed, the Farmers' Daily reported. Officials recorded a loss of 92 million pounds of grain last year. China blames a decline in the number of cats, foxes, snakes and eagles for the increase in rats: (AFP)

### Iore journalists arrested after **Augabe outburst**

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

ved swiftly yesterday in the ke of President Mugabe's reats to his critics, arresting ree more journalists and the mer of the independent wspaper they write for. There were fears that the

eur — including a woman reporter and the editor, who is disabled — would be handed to military and secret police who tortured another reporter and editor last month for reporting an alleged coup plot.

Detectives arrested Grace Kwinjeh of the Mirror, followed by Fernando Goncalves, the managing editor, a Mozambican, Farayi Munga-, a former editor, and Ibbo Mandaza, the owner. Police said they would be

questioned over a report in October about the body of a Zimbabwean soldier killed in the war in the Democratic Republic of Congo: The Mirror said relatives opened the coffin and found only the man's head. Military officials denied the report and said they disinterred the body to disprove it.

Trevor Harris, the assistant editor, said lawyers had been allowed to see the three journalists at Harare central police station. "Everybody is a little scared, given what happened the previous time.

E Zimbabwean authorities There are real concerns about the well-being of our people." All four were charged with causing "alarm and despond-ency". Mr Goncalves and Mr Mungazi were released.

At the weekend Mr Mugabe broke his silence over the illegal detention and torture of the editor and a reporter of the Zimbabwe Standard over their report of a military coup plot. He denounced senior judges who questioned his commitment to the rule of law, said British agents had infiltrated to undermine the Government, told whites to "atone for their evil past" and warned the independent press of "very stern measures" for their "insidious acts of sabotage".

he endorsed the illegal arrest and assault of the two journalists last month. Both were released and an independent medical report said they had been severely tortured. They have also been charged with causing "alarm and despondency" under legislation used by Rhodesia to silence demands for black majority rule. Mr Mugabe later left Harare for a two-week tour that is expected to take him to

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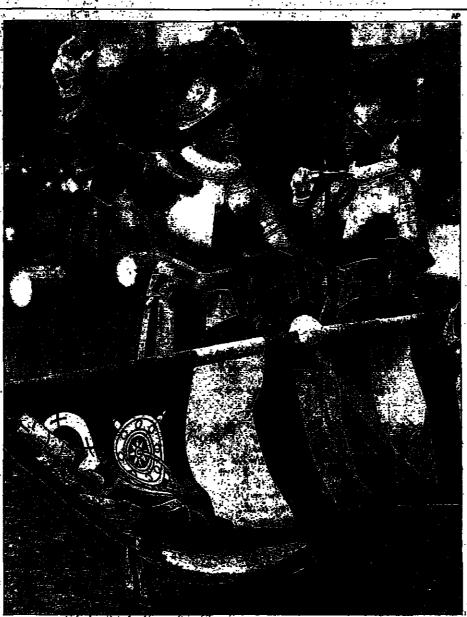
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Cedric Tornay during his swearing in to the Vatican's Swiss Guard in May 1995

### Britain tells Taleban to curb bin Laden

Islamabad: Britain told Afghanistan's Taleban rulers yesterday to "get control of' Osama bin Laden, the Saudi who is suspected of planning terrorist attacks on

American and British targets. The message was delivered by Derek Fatchett, the Foreign Office Minister, in the first ministerial-level talks between the Islamic militia and the British Government. Mr Fatchett told reporters that

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his talks with Abdul Rahman Zahid, the Deputy Foreign Minister, covered bin

Laden, human rights and drugs. "It is important for them [the Taleban] to get control of bin Laden. We expect them to do so," said Mr Fatchett, on a three-day visit to Pakistan. His message followed similar talks last week between another Taleban Deputy Foreign Minister, Mullah Abdul Jalil, and Kari Inder-

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furth, the US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

Taleban says that bin Laden, accused of masterminding the August bombings of US embassies in East Africa, is a guest who had lived in Afghanistan before i swept to power in 1996. Mr Fatchett's warning comes after speculation that bin Laden might seek to avenge the Anglo-US airstrikes on Iraq. (Reuters)

### Anwar insists he is victim of a plot

FROM DAVID WATTS IN KUALA LUMPUR

THE Malaysian Government has brought in the Attorney-General to conduct its flagging case against the country's former Deputy Prime Minis ter, depriving Anwar Ibrahim of a key defence witness.

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However, Mr Anwar looked relaxed and confident on the first day of the defence case and, seemingly strengthened by the evidence of government disarray, acted as though the Government was on trial, spiking his evidence with comments about the police and the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri

His intention was to uncover a "high-level conspiracy against him after his period as nead of the Anti-Corruption Agency earned him numerous political enemies. He said that he had received evidence of corruption by several ministers, including Dr Mahathir.

Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

For Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah, the Attorney-General, it is a last-ditch attempt to save the credibility of the Government and the reputation of his department after the collapse of sodomy allegations against Mr Anwar. On yesterday's showing, the Government will be hard-pressed to make corruption charges stick.

But if the prosecution has problems, then so does the defence; one lawyer faces jail for possible contempt, and Mr Anwar has been warned not to reveal government secrets and thus breach the Official Secrets Act.

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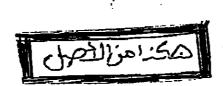
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Mo Mowlam has spoken of her agony as the child of an alcoholic. Here the poet William Ayot tells of the abuse inflicted by his father

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t is three in the morning and I am sitting on the looking at my out, legless, in front of the fire. have tried to get him to bed but he is too heavy. I am with him because I feel responsible but beyond that I am not feeling anything. I am 12 years old and I am totally numb.

If this scene from my childhood seems familiar, you may be an adult-child, someone whose development was arrested by their parents' drinking. If you don't know what normal is and you are addicted to excitement: if you are over-loy-

al and stay in abusive situations long after anyone else would have left; if you are a "peoplepleaser" yet have a need to control everything, then you may well have had an alcoholic Mowlam,

the Secretary of

State for Northern Ireland, has spo-ken of her childabused me hood with her alcoholic father. think it is important for kids growing up in alcoholic fami-

lies to see that if I can do this and get through it, then so can Her way of coping with the

difficulties was to immerse herself in education. I took a different route.

I was 37 before I admitted that my father had been an alcoholic. Until then, denial had kept me in a kind of emotional deep-freeze. It was the death of a friend that eventually pitched me into the healing process people call recov-Before my friend died, he had given me a book on ACoAs (Adult Children of Alcoholics). Reading it after his death. I discovered that I

wasn't alone. I started to

attend meetings of self-help fellowship where I met other adult-children who talked openly about their experiences. Gradually, I began to reclaim my life.

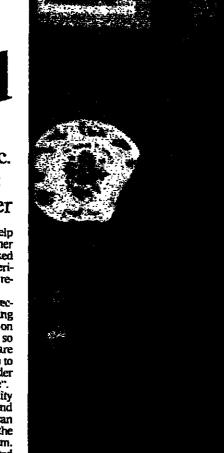
It has only recently been recognised that parental drinking can have a disastrous effect on a growing child, so much so that the long-term effects are now seen as something akin to post-traumatic stress disorder the "survivor's syndrome".

The sheer unpredictability of a drunken parent can send a child into shock and it can take up to 24 hours for the adrenalin to clear the system.

If this is repeated too soon, the child will stay in shock and if the parent drinks habitually. the child can re main in an adrena nitely. This has been called "chronic shock". People with this problem go numb and lose touch with their feelings. Survivors of alcoholic families often admit that they have nev

er, ever cried. For me the process of recovery was one of slowly uncovering the hurts of the past. Week after week, I would spend hours in self-help groups and therapists' rooms, learning to be angry and learning to grieve. I discovered that my feelings, when they surfaced, were not only natural but acceptable. I had nothing to be ashamed of.

Yet I was living in an almost permanent state of shame. Constant criticism, denigration and mockery meant that I had learnt to think of myself as worthless. When my father was drunk he became another person and the level of emotional violence was sometimes horrific. During my early



teens he would order me to strip naked while he verbally abused me about the state of my body. He would shout at me, snarling that I was fat. ugly, and disgusting. The shame of this are into me. By the time my father died, when I was 15, my self-esteem was virtually non-existent. ( was unable to defend myself.

Some people are so traumatised by childhood experiences that they cannot remember anything before the age of 12. This kind of amnesia has a purpose — it stops you going insane — but it often takes years of recovery before you are able to deal with the memories that resurface. In my case,

I had a surfeit of memories. By my mid-thirties, I was experiencing recurring nightmares and "flashbacks" of emotional abuse. I was tormented by memories of my father's drinking and what he did when we were alone together.

Within a year of starting my recovery, the deeper issue of sexual abuse came up. I had been sexually abused by my father and although it was only minor abuse, when you are a child that is irrelevant.

The grief of this discovery no, this admission - is beyond anything I have ever experienced. I became paralysed, unable to move in any direction without falling into a black

hole of despair and self-loath- a selfing the pain that I could our experience of the dark side with a support network of friends who spent long hours listening to me, helping me to make sense of my experience.

dult-children will do anything rather than feel the pain of their childhood experience. Many become alcoholics or drug addicts themselves, or turn to other addictive behaviours such as spending, gam-

bling or sex. I was no exception: food, pornography, workaholism, even television; I became an expert

at avoiding my pain. The

irony was that it was only by

ing Fortunately I was blessed strate on and stop living my with a support network of life as a victim.

At this point I discovered the work of Robert Bly, the American poet. I went to a workshop which helps men to understand and explore their feelings and found a community of men who were willing to help me. Bly touched me more deeply than any other teacher I had ever met.

That weekend he left me with an image which turned my life around. He was talking about the different kinds of pain that we all carry when he said that the challenge for people like myself was to "turn our wounds into gold", to use of life to heal others. Within a year I had left my job of 25 vears (I had worked in London's casino industry) and started working in addiction centres with men, using poetry and storytelling as a way of

changing my life. New research throws up more information. I have used a full spread of therapies, from psychotherapy groups on the NHS through to off-the-wall alternative healers. I have also benefited from the anonymous 12-step fellowships, including

Al-Anon, ACoA and ACA. Talking to other men about their grief and isolation has their grief and isolation has Men's workshops Wild Dance also helped me hugely. I Events 0171-813-4260

believe that each individual should mix and match these options to their own needs. I have rediscovered my crea-

tivity and, most importantly, I have been given the chance to explore a relationship with a woman whose patience and understanding are a wonder to me. I couldn't have dreamt of that ten years ago.

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### Legacy of Lady Flora therefore, that only when the was not only a spy for Queen of results in Europe. Accord-

Hastings die in 1839? She certainly was not pregnant, as had been assumed by a waspish court. Not only had the court physician. Sir James Clark, pronounced that she was a virgin, and died soon after. but she had, by the time of her death, been looking as if she was with child for at least two

It was suggested in The Times's intriguing account of keepsakes given by Queen Victoria to her nanny. Baroness Luise Lehzen, that Lady Flora, a lady-in-waiting to the Queen, might have bad cancer of the liver. Liver disease is indeed a

possibility, but the usual explanation is that she was suflering from an ovarian tumour. The question normally asked in medical circles is whether it was benign, and its progressive increase in girth was the result of the actual cyst, or malignant and a consequence of ascites, a fluid that collects in the peritoneal cavity. Although present in many conditions, including malignancies and abdominal tuberculosis, ascites is a particular feature of ovarian tumours

There is a twist to the probiem, however, one of the benign ovarian tumours, a fibroma, may also cause massive ascites. This is Meig's syndrome, in which there is not only the fibroma but also ascites and hydrothorax, fluid in the chest Lady Flora, who died at the age of 33, was young to be suffering from Meig's syndrome, which usually affects women about 15

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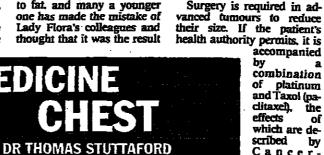
have been affected all her life by this injuse but Lady MEDICINE Flora is not forgotten

the story of her swollen abdomen. and the problems in diagnosis it presented, is told of medical students.

Ovarian tumours grow insidiously, and patients who have them tend to seek help late. If a tumour grows, for instance, in the skull or chest, its expansion rapidly causes pressure in the confined space. But if a tumour grows in the pelvis, it is able to expand upwards into the abdomen and there is plenty of room for it to become large before it causes symptoms from pressure.

The pelvis and abdomen are accustomed, indeed designed, to accommodate expanding masses. Day by day the bladder waxes and wanes - as does the colon - and in a woman can contain a growing womb. Little surprise,





of pregnancy. Early diagnosis giving an "unprecedented surand treatment remain the best hope of a cure. Between 60 and 80 per cent of women identified with small tumours survive for five years. Unfortunately, three out of four tumours are diagnosed only at a much later stage, when sur-gery alone is unlikely to be ef-fective. In the UK every year 6.000 women have ovarian cancer diagnosed, and more than 4,000 will eventually die

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vival advantage, which should now be considered the eold-standard treatment". It results in a 70 per cent remission rate and, on average, an additional year of life with a very much better quality of life in the patient's remaining years.

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With this dual therapy of surgical reduction and combined chemotherapy, the long-term outlook for all cases of ovarian cancer would im-

This treatment is described as "first-line" therapy; "sec-ond-line" therapy is given when initial treatment has failed. Taxol can be given as a single agent in second-line therapy. Either of two different platinum compounds can be used- cisplatin or carboplatin. The former has rather more side-effects than carboplatin, which is more expensive. Other pharmaceutical agents such as topotecan and gemcitabine are likely to be useful but they, like the platinum/Taxol combination therapy, will probably tax the NHS budget.

It is hard to put a value on an extra year of life, and on an easier end for a woman dying of ovarian cancer, but if l were doctor to a latter-day Lady Flora, I would want her to have Taxol/platinum as a first-line treatment. If those who hold the Treasury keys have other views, it is perhaps for them, and not for the patients' doctors, to shoulder the responsibility for the time and nature of a patient's death.



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### What women want from men

# You laugh in bed? Perfect

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an, is the man who loves her constantly, passionately and well; who adores and admires her; is reliable and exciting; an earthly Adonis and a heavenly father fig-ure; a beautiful son; a Bacchic lover and a calm, sober, but furny friend Can you find all these attributes in one man? Not bloody likely!

So what's a woman to do? Having two or three men seems to be the answer, but it creates so many logistical snafus. What happens when lover No I and lover No 2 arrive on the same train for the same weekend? Nobody can spend 100 per cent of her time getting laid, arranging to get laid, adminis-tering TLC to various men with various needs. And what woman wants a man whose needs she cares nothing about?

Recently, a divorced male friend said: "When I was married I spent 20 per cent of my time getting laid. up yet again.

Now that I'm divorced, I spend 85 Knowing full well that life is too per cent of my time getting laid."
There's the problem in its essence: putting together one perfect man out of two or three slightly imperfect candidates is too time-consum-

exhaustion. One candidate wins out over the others, and we succumb to the blandishments of one (hopefully) perfect man. This solution has on its side convenience, honesty, simplicity and stability. But does it have stability? Statistics show our monogamies tend to be serial, that sooner or later both spouses begin playing around; that now most children can expect to grow up in sin-gle-parent households (or become somebody else's stepchildren).

A young man once said to me

"Marry as often as you like, but promise me l'il be your only lover." His wistful ples had true longing in it the longing for stability in an unstable world. If mar-The perfect man has a broken riage no longer provides that, perhaps love af-fairs will. I treasure the fantasy of marrying and marrying and marrycrooked ing, yet having only one lover through it all. But

> foolish enough to want to endure the psychologi-cal wreckage of splitting rich and strange for love to come in the form of a prearranged, predictable, prefabricated model. I still feel tempted to compile a composite of the perfect man. He's beautiful, but

I am neither young nor

With Valentine's Day looming, Erica Jong considers whether there is any such thing as the ideal man — and whether women would want him

nose, crooked teeth. He's intelligent, never pedantic. Most important is his sense of humour. He can laugh in bed. Though indefatigable, he's not obsessive about sex. He doesn't think of it as a performance, and doesn't berate himself if he doesn't

have a constant erection. He's pas-sionate without being priapic. The worst by-product of the "sexu-al revolution" is the substitution of performance for passion. For many men sex is now another area of com-petition. The son of a friend told me that from 16 to 21 he never "allowed" himself to have an orgasm with a woman, so concerned was he with pleasing his partners. "Here were women like you and my moth-er writing about how men were so insensitive to women's needs. So I figured the main thing was to give the girl as many orgasms as possi-ble. I got so controlled I couldn't come myself. Now I say 'let's bring back the John Wayne image of manhood, when men could prematurely

ejaculate and not care!" What he didn't consider in his nostalgia for John Wayne is that no man of Wayne's generation could have been sitting at a dinner party (at his mother's house) having such

an intimate talk with his mother's friend. Something has changed for ever in men as a result of the sexual revolution and the women's movement, and that change can be summed up as greater openness.

No one seems immune to per-formance mania. Our society, hav-ing decided sex is acceptable, if not optimal, without love, seems to have replaced the desideratum of endless love with the desiderarum of endless erection. When sex becomes as competitive as racket-ball or the stock market, surely an essential quality has been lost.

y perfect man, then, is no slave to performance.
He doesn't have a nervous breakdown if he can't get it up one night, and is secure enough to know he is liked for his brains and

"The perfect man is someone you love who also loves you," said the psychologist Mildred Newman. "If had to single out one quality. said the singer-songwriter Carly Simon. "it is a sense of joy."

There is no such thing as a perfect man; and no one even gets close," said Helen Gurley Brown.

"Perfection is terrible; it cannot have children," wrote Sylvia Plath. alluding, I think, to the fact that perfection is final, closed and leaves no room for growth. When we seek the "perfect" man we know that if we found perfection, it would be inhuman. We love people for their humanity; not because of their perfection but despite their imperfection. When I think of the men I have loved most, I remember small imperfections: a crooked front tooth,

or slanting or shaggy brows. My first husband was a fellow graduate student. We read Shakespeare in bed and immersed ourselves in medieval history, 18th-century literature and old movies. We were soulmates, but then our souls changed. My second husband represented stability, order and sanity as I was diving down into my unconscious to retrieve my first real poems. Once I learnt how to do it for myself, his role became more and more artefact, and his deliciencies more and more apparent.

My third shared with me the longing for a child, the passion to create a life around reading and writing novels while rearing our daughter. For a time we also were soulmates.

but then our needs and souls changed is this failure, or a complex kind of destiny? I prefer the lat-ter. Each choice had its own logic at the time it was made. The fact that the union could not endure doesn't invalidate the choice.

Perhaps my life has been more complex because of the blessing/ curse of becoming a celebrated writer. But I believe my fate has not been so different from that of other women of my generation.

Raised to believe we needed men as parental figures, we grew up into a world where we had to

assume burdens our mothers would have deemed masculine: earning a living, managing money, changing tyres. We found ourselves more capable of nurtur-ing men than of finding men who could nurture us. We started out looking for daddies and wound up finding sons. We were ready to enjoy this kind of relationship. but saw it did not come without a price tag. What eluded us was finding true parmers.

I have been much like many women of my time. In my twenties, unfledged in my career. I married a father figure, in my thirties, well established in my career. I felt free to choose a man merely for his "sense of joy". When even that proved to have its own problems I stayed sin-gle for eight years. I still regard this as the most critical period of my life. When I remarried. I was ready for a true partner and married someone I had come to consider my best friend. It was a marriage unlike any other I had made. It continues to grow in unpredictable ways.

The perfect man would combine beautiful boy and steady daddy, but that combination rarely turns up. The sort of men who buy one life insurance are never much fun in bed." Fay Weldon says. Ah, but one wish-

es they were. True, most successful women will opt for joie de vivre and sex appeal over insur-We start ance but all long-term re-lationships still require off looking reliability as well as joy. There are problems with all relationships not for Daddy, based on true equality: end up they must become equal, or break down. marrying

a son

Where does one find a true partner? At this stage in the relations between the sexes women are often more enlightened than society per-mits men to be. Women still have

all the insights of an underclass: a self-deprecating sense of humour that punctures pomposity; a view of the overclass from the ass up, so to speak; a social perspective that only an outsider can have. All these things force us to grow.

Men, instead, still constitute an overclass, still tend to be coddled by women, from mothers onward, and are deprived of the chance to have their pomposities punctured. Some exceptional men overcome this, but many do not.

I don't mean that one gender has got a rawer deal from the sexual and feminist revolutions. Both have been shaken to the core, both are reeling from the shocks. Butwomen have been forced to have certain insights into society that are largely unavailable to all but the most empathic, artistic, intelligent men. It is thus terribly hard for most women of my generation to find true partners. Not bed partners, not fun partners, but men who will shoulder burdens equally with us and who possess that quality of joy.

Ah, the dream of the true partner. He is, after all, "the perfect man." Do we find him, or train him? And if we find him, will he go mad at 25 develop depression at 30 or wind up making love to babysitters at 40? Can we love him without coddling him? Can we make demands without being left? Can we find a bal-

ance between giving and taking?
I thought I'd given up on the perfect man, but I never really did. I just readjusted my notions of perfec-tion. The perfect man is, after all, the one who sees the best in you and holds you to your own beau idéal. Because he loves who you are, his vision helps you to become more truly yourself. As you grow sure of yourself in his love, you mirror his best self as well.

 This is an edited extract from What Do Women Want? Bloomsbury, £14.99.

### The job, the flat, the car but not the man

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Can a matchmaker find you love? Interview by Grace Bradberry

a tiny tapestry work chair in a diminutive mint-green parlour. Her knees are hunched up towards her chin, forming a lectern on which she rests her large pink book, which has rows of yellow and white cardboard strips slotted into each page. Each one represents a person. There are more yellows than whites. More wornen than men, one bleakly assumes. "No," she says firmly. "I ran out of yellow ones. It's arranged by age and sex, and

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the last page is 'courting'." Halson's mission is to move the strips of cardboard from the front of her book (singles) to the back (tentative couples). and then out of the book altogether, two strips having mat-ed to become a smiling wedding photograph. Many such pictures clutter the Georgian rooms from which Halson works, a testament to her success as a professional matchmaker. Since she took over the Katharine Allen Marriage Bureau in 1986, she has married off hundreds of couples but has rarely been a guest at the nuptials. " Because the couples won't admit how they met, I would stick out like a

sore thumb," she says. It is one of the contradictions of our "anything goes" society that the search for love is still dogged by rigid conven-

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enrose Halson sits on tions. Picking someone up in a club is acceptable, joining a

dating agency is not.

To Halson this appears nonsensical. "Why be the play-thing of fate?" she asks in a new book aimed at thirtysomething women.

Halson is a rather hesitant woman of 58, courteous, concerned, shy when it comes to her own private life. She married only ten years ago, and it was her husband Bill who suggested buying the bureau because he believed that she would be good at the work.

She has been. She refuses to supply statistics - "those agencies that do are either guessing wildly or fibbing," she says. In any case, some of her clients' marriages are only indirectly to do with her. The meetings that she sets up often lead to a widening of people's social circles and an increase in their self-confidence — "the ripple effect" and "the halo effect", as she dubs them in the book. By allowing both of these to work, women are more likely to meet their "enlightened man"...

The book is aimed at women because, she says, their lives have changed much more than men's. This is reflected in the changing professional status of the women seeking her help. Teacher; PA; self-employed caterer. - but now there are also City highflyers, women with salaries of



£200,000 plus bonus, who, as she puts it, "have the job, the flat, the car, but not the man". Halson's views are not especially fashionable. She gets

lots of young women who have lived with a partner for ten years, only to find themselves single at 38. "Men having honourable intentions did protect women," she says.

As a woman gets older statistics start to work against her; there are more worn en than men on Hal-son's books. "The proportion is 60-40. But it's significantly bet-

ter for a young woman of 30." Women in their late thirties wishing to have babies. but seeking a man without existing children, present a problem. So do very short men, very tall wom-en, middle-aged women, very young men. turn people away, she makes the position clear before they pay their £750 (a year's subscription). "I'm pretty depressing if, say, a woman is 39. wants a baby and is

Most of the male clients are in their thirties. The initial faceto-face interview puts off married men; the fee puts off the insolvent. All of them want to mar-

"They're very superior men," says Halson. "They want to marry but they do want to make sure as far as possible that they make a good marriage." Some work in offices where approaching a woman might be seen as sexual harassment. (Apparently this is a problem in the City.)

The only man she remembers turning down was 55 who required a woman between 50 and 53 with a specific golf handicap living within 15 miles of Northwood Tube. And she admits to being frustrated by women who demand that a man earns more than them, is more than 6ft tall, or prescribes a very set "type". So what about Halson her-

self. Why did she not marry until 48? Too picky? "Too picky for what?" she says, showing the only sign of prickliness so far. The daughter of a civil servant, her two sisters married at 19 and 22 respectively. She was educated at seven

Halson: Women's lives have changed so much

schools, including Millfield, where the playwright Robert Bolt taught her about metaphysical love poetry. She took an external London University degree at a private college in Oxford, then spent a year in Beirut, staying with an aunt and uncle. She returned to England and worked first in publishing, then as a teacher. There were boyfriends, but no one she wanted to marry. At

What men want

27, her mother sent her to the Katharine Allen agency. One man wanted to marry her but she thought him an idiot as a result. She was 37 when her mother advertised her in the New Statesman and she met Frank, 15 years her senior. They had known one another for two months when they decided they would stay together. The same day Frank died of a heart condition, a terrible

> brought "chilling desolation". In her early 40s she advertised for a tenant to share her Fitzrovia flat. Bill Halson turned up. After seven years they wed. "Being married to Bill is the most wonderfully liberating

> twist of fate that

state," she says. I am dying to know what men lurk in the big pink book. We embark on a condensed version of Halson's introductory interview. I rattle off my age, education, height. We move on to preferences. Must he have a cer-How do I feel about race and religion?

There is a mid-thir ties academic. A City trader who could be termed cash-rich, time-poor. A political researcher of 30 -

"He doesn't earn much now, but he might later," she says. (It becomes clear that many female clients place a certain emphasis on salary. Many also specify "no Muslims" - there is no room for political correctness when seeking a mate.)

But what's love got to do with it?"I'm sure that in all cases it's love of a sort, whatever that means," says Halson. "I agree with Prince Charles on that. It can mean all sorts of things to different people.

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### Barabbas is safe in the White House

The trial of Bill Clinton has

found the US people wanting

he American voter has had enough of the Clinton trial. Like a corporate client at the opera, he cannot wait for the curtain to come down and normal life to resume. It ain't over, apparently until the fat lady sings. Well. now that Monica has testified. the ungallant thought enters his head that the denouement must be at hand.

And what a curiously unsatisfying end it is. If this affair were an opera it would have to be Don Giovanni. President Clinton may not, yet, have clocked up the one thousand and three lovers which the Don managed, but you can't fault him for effort. And like the eponymous hero of Mozart's opera, the President relies on his servants to do the dirty work. The Don had Leporello. Mr Clinton has the White House aide Sidney Blumenthal, who has just been accused of acting as a hired character assassin prepared to rubbish Monica Lewinsky as a "stalker" and then compound his crime with denial. Monica herself recalls the innocent peasant girl Zerlina on whom the Don practises his charm. But striking as the comparison may be between the President and the Don. the trial has lacked what the opera

enjoyed — a fitting climax. Although the audience is as charmed by Don Giovanni as much as any of his conquests are, it recognises that he must account for his sins.

When the Commendatore drags the Don off to Hell in the final act there is a sense that justice has been done, at least poetically. It is not just respect for the proprieties of the operahouse which prevent the cry arising from the dress circle that "the guy don't deserve it. this is just a sex thing". It

is respect for the more than just licentious, he is a practised deceiver, an abu-So why has America not

rallied behind its own Commendatore, Kenneth Starr? There are three reasons, none of which leads one to believe that we have advanced morally since Mozart wrote.

There is a widespread belief that the impeachment process is "all about sex". There has been a tendency to judge Mr Clinton's accusers more harshly than the President himself, as though this were an electoral contest and not a judicial process. And there has been a growing boredom with the whole trial which has led voters to demand a speedy conclusion, which is to say an

For lovers of the United States, like myself, the acceptance of these three sentiments by American opinion is deeply lowering. From beneath the robes of the Statue of Liberty one glimpses a cloven hoof.

President Clinton was not impeached because of his libido, but because he lied. On oath. In an action brought by a woman, Paula Jones, whom he had sought to coerce and whose reputation was trashed by his henchmen. The White House authorised a lynchmob to administer a verbal pummelling. One Clinton aide. James Carville, tried to question Ms Jones's motives. He charmingly suggested that Ms Jones was what you found if you "drag hundred dollar bills through a trailer park". If you drag White House job application forms through the swamp then Mr Carville is

A variant of the treatment administered to Ms Jones was tried on Ms Lewinsky. Where the former was a gold-digger, the latter was a fantasist. But. as the inquiry proceeded, the real peddlers of fiction were found in the White House.

As Chris Woodhead has observed sexual relationships between masterful older men and biddable young women can be educative. We have all learnt from Mr Clinton's affair. The manner in which he has reacted to the exposure of his adultery has laid his character bare. He is the Bart Simpson of politics. "I didn't do it, nobody saw me do it, who are you to accuse me

anyway ...?".

His personal credibility shredded, Mr Clinton has proceeded to diminish that of the West. A.J.P. Taylor has persuasively argued that the First World War was driven by the continental powers' railway rimetables. Mr Clinton's vaporising of Sudanese chemical workers and Iraqi children seems to have been driven by Congress's impeachment timetable

Forget all that nonsense about the bombing being driv-en by Ramadan. Every major Arab

power has been happy to go to war during the holy month. And Mr Clinton has shown so little respect for the tenets of his own Baptist faith that one can hardly expect him to exhibit any great reverence for the Koran. It is, just, possible that the timing of

the airstrikes was deeper moral code. The Don is driven by geopolitical considerations. But given the President's record, how can we believe him? He has consistently shown that he will sacrifice others to stay in office. And by doing so as Commander-in-Chief he has forfeited the moral superiority which the West needs when reserving the right to intervene in other sovereign states. At least when Richard Nixon was trying to

secure his position, he ended

wars rather than starting

he President's accusers have been branded Puritans, which one might have thought was a compliment given that America was founded by them. But the case for impeachment is no more about sex than Don Giovanni is about the mistreatment of servants by aristocrats. It is a diverting feature in a chronicle

It should not matter what the motives of Clinton's accusers are, nor should the public's ennui-driven desire for acquittal let a guilty man off. If justice is to depend on the personal charm of the protagonists, or the public's prevailing sentiment, then every trial will end in the release of Barabbas. This one has ended with him still in the White House. In a special corner of Hell. Don Giovanni must be laughing.

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## Third Way, or Reich?

🕇 he advent of new Labour has produced a steady stream of books explaining its victory in terms of the personalities involved and the strangems they employed. Since they are unlikely to contain much that is new they make boring reading. Even less useful are the efforts of Downing Street's tame sociologists to give some meaning to the empty concept of the 'Third Way'. One does better reading books that add to one's general understanding of politics. High on the list should be the first volume of Professor Ian Kershaw's

magisterial biography: Hitler. The tale he has to tell is chilling the violence involved in Hitler's march to power was the prelude to the much greater violence which feature in the second volume. Yet if one excludes the political violence and racism of Nazism. telling parallels between then and now. The similarities between Adolf Hitler and Tony Blair's path to

power are hard to dismiss. Ian Kershaw explains how Hitler rose to power, and then having achieved office, led the Nazi Party to complete domination in every aspect of German life. It is that second aspect of the story which is particularly helpful in explaining the unfolding agenda of new Labour.

While most of the dictators whose careers have disfigured this century achieved power through military force. Hitler achieved it through elections in a system of universal suffrage. Because the Nazis, unlike new Labour, never obtained an overall majority before they were in power they needed allies to take office. They pioneered the co-option of dupes to push through the constitutional changes which then entrenched their own dominance. Labour constantly invokes its own claim to a popular mandate for its own assault on our country's historic constitution. But the party has followed the Führer in using dispensable allies to lend its project an

extra legitimacy. The Nazis realised that the process of seeking total and permanent authority required them to find within the existing system collaborators who thought that their own interests would be advanced if the party could be inducted into office under their aegis. Hitler's gift as a tactician was to see how far he could push his demands at each stage without alarming his dupes, and at what point he could safely get rid of

Tony Blair's style of government is chillingly reminiscent of Germany in the Thirties, argues Max Beloff

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the encumbrances which his temporary allies represented. The use of political figures from other parties to camouflage new Labour's purposes is directly reminiscent of Hitler's tactics. Chris Patten has been taken on to help to emasculate the Royal Ulster Constabulary, while Lord Wakeham must give respectability to the destruction of the Lords. Mr Blair has clearly learnt from history. These gentlemen have not. Neither, I fear, has business. One

of the prime necessities for a party seeking power is money. Hitler could hardly hope that the subscriptions of the rank and file would suffice. So money was

sought from business. Much tact was required - a political party, even one making much of its hostility to "Bolshe-vism", which had "socialist" and "workers" in its title did not obviously commend itself to industrialists and bankers but enough businessmen were won over to pay for Hitler's non-stop campaigning. In return, the

donors were assured that economic policy would not be radical and that the power of the trade unions would be curtailed. The Blairite offensive in the City of London had the same general objective and was along the same

lines. But in this case personal cards were also played. Once Labour was in government, peerages and even ministerial office were bestowed on some big subscribers. For some multinationals the promise of a more Europhile policy was no doubt an incentive.

Money alone would not put Hitler into office. He also needed to win over some of the political. military, and even cultural, elites. Again radicalism had to be put into the background and the "vons" co-opted. In the end he had to exact from Hindenburg the Chancellorship nomination and the necessary powers to make it effective. The Austrian corporal" had to receive the field marshal's blessing. Once the Government and the Reichstag were controlled by the Nazis, such

allies were needed only to assuage foreign fears while rearmament began. It was therefore in the Diplomatic Service that the old elite retained their usefulness. Even when Hitler needed the key post of the London Embassy for a member of the Nazi gang, Ribbentrop had to be married to a fortune and allowed to add a "von" to his name before the appointment could be made. This Government's handling of Whitehall displays every bit as much finesse in stroking the manda rin ego as the Nazis ever deployed.

When Hitler was able to recast the constitution with the aid of pliant legal scholars - to concentrate in his own person the dual roles of head of government and head of state - the full yet clear if impact of a non-party state was finally appar-ent to all but the wilfully Blair sees

blind. By then rival parties except among the self-ex-iled — had disappeared. The old parties of the Right and Centre Right, which were needed to make up a majority for

the enabling legislation, had suc-cumbed to a mixture of blandishments and pressure. Those who thought that by entering a coalition they were going to share power were to have a rude awakening. Are the Liberals listening to history while they decide on a new leader?

While the historic kingdoms and provinces that have gone to make up the old German empire and its successor, the Weimar Republic, could not be eliminated from the map, they were subjected to a degree of centralisation that made a mockery of any idea of their separate personalities. The party 'Gauleiters", not elected officials,

vere the key to the new regime. We can now see that the Blair 'project" embodies similar aims, based on similar methods. When Mr Blair took office. Britain was still a unitary state. But "devolution" has made its parts more amenable to party control than the nation state would have been; we have our Gauleiters-in-waiting - Donald Dewar for Scotland, Alun Michael for Wales, and an as yet undisclosed nominee for London. Meanwhile, the electoral rules for the new parliaments and assem-blies, and for the European Parliament, are devised to ensure that Labour will dictate who is elected. The destruction of the House of Lords - reform is a word that sits as ill with Mr Blair as it did with Hitler - is intended to remove yet one more obstacle to Labour Party domination.

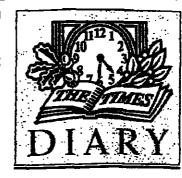
The leaders of Britain's other political parties have shown them-selves as gullible as their German counterparts. If Paddy Ashdown had studied the fate of Hitler's allies he would hardly have believed that Mr Blair would give him the parantee for his party's survival inherent in the Jenkins proposals for proportional representation. The Liberal Democrats are not to be preserved, but absorbed.

t is not clear where the constitutional ambitions of Mr Blair and his coterie stop. Hitler became Führer - the sole embodiment of the German State. We still have a monarchy. But the blow to the hereditary principle in the Lords has revived Labour republicanism. It is not yet clear if Mr Blair wants to include the Royal Family in his "project", or if he wants to present himself and his family as a kind of ersatz royalty.

Once in power, Hitler showed little interest in the details of policy - not for him files or Cabinet meetings, let alone parliamentary-style debate. The resemblance to Mr Blair is again striking. A small body of acolytes acted as a buffer between Hitler and the world just as the Downing Street staff now protects Mr Blair. Architects, film-makers and actors figure in both leaders' courts. One can see in the House of Lords Mr Blair's own Albert Speers

and Leni Reifenstahls. What next? Mr Blair has no Wehrmacht to bring Europe under his sway, but by aligning himself with Euroepan Union Socialist parties, and accepting their agenda, he may hope to create the illusion that Europe belongs to him. Meanwhile, we may note that this first volume of Professor Kershaw's book has the subtitle "hubris". The second volume will no doubt be subtitled "nemesis". Need one say more?

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### Sleaze buster

JAZZY ties have lent Jon Snow enough character to make him a TV "personality"; now they have carried him into Parliament. The newscaster is to be chairman of a meeting called to discuss how best to clamp down on sleazy lobbyists. The Hansard Society debate will be held in the Cabinet Office, whose mercurial secretary Sir Richard Wilson will speak. At issue: whether the purveyors of brown envelopes need to be regulated.

Proceedings could become fractious for our colourful sleuth as evidence will be presented by lobbyists and parliamentary plods such as Lord Neill of Bladen of the Standards in Public Life Committee. Snow plans to be strict: "I should be able to keep control. I am not doing it for penurious reasons. It sounded an interesting subject." Sock it to 'em, boy.

 HER struggle to avenge the humiliations of history heaped on the motherland began on May 4. 1979. But Baroness Thatcher's rise to power is to be celebrated by bunker command on April 20 -the birthday of Adolf Hitler.

Leading man

AS IF one fragrant woman was not enough for Peter Bottomley, the Tory MP is riding to the defence of Penelope Keith (left). The hubby of the lovely Virginia (right) is giving





moral support to his actress neigh bour, who is accused of unfair dismissal of toiler. "He just couldn't help sticking his oar in." I am told. I am sure he was a tremendous help.

 AS THE chequered flag came lown on King Hussein of Jordan. Jackie Stewart, glamour boy and car buff, made the journey to Amman: "I knew him for 35 years," says Stewart, whose grandson Dylan was Hussein's godson. Baroness Thatcher did not make the starting grid: she called to ask if she could go but was told that former PMs were not needed.

#### Bald truth

HOW to succeed in politics, by William Hague. The Tory leader will offer sage counsel to would-be Leaders of the Opposition during one of Michael Cockerell's "How To" documentaries. "The point is to talk to as many former incumbents as possible," Cockerell tells me.

But Hague's tormented predecessors are not keen to reminisce: after his donkey-jacketed spell at the helm, Michael Foot is not inclined to offer "off-the-cuff advice" while Neil Kinnock talks wearily about having "moved on now". Luckily Sir Edward Heath, keen on giving advice, threatens: "Wait and see".

KOSOVO , IRELAND, KOSOVO , IRELAND. MAKE YOUR MIND UP!



● AFTER Jordan, the Prince of Wales dashed back for a delayed appointment: tea and lentil soup at an organic farm near Oxford run by the National Trust.

### River race

EVIDENCE that Cambridge will lose to Oxford in educating Prince William stacks up. After long coats from Buckingham Palace checked out Lincoln College, I now hear they have swung by Magdalen. Although the Prince of Wales is a

Cambridge sort, William has links with Magdalen. Earl Spencer attended, and the future Edward VIII had rooms in the cloisters, including accommodation for his ADC. ecurity at Lincoln would be difficult." I hear "its rooms are on a street front while Magdalen's are some way back, although they do overlook the river." Academic excel-

lence seems less of a factor. ◆ FAVOURITE fountain of Charlie Whelan. The Red Lion, is hosting all-party folk nights. Stars include Labour MPs Gerry Bermingham and Ronnie Campbell.

Sounds totally missable. JASPER GERARD

#### 'Flirtation is often a component part of teaching methods — it's certainly one way to capture the attention of bored students' the interests of the child. In The truth is that flirtation is often

There is no pleasure so great, according to Confucius, as watching a man fall off a roof. Schadenfreude is as natural a human emotion as love. So one can forgive the teaching unions their moment of pleasure at the discomfiture of Chris Woodhead. The Chief inspector of Schools' comments. which appeared to condone sex between teachers and pupils. and the revelation that he enjoyed a relationship with a former pupil, have led to calls for his resignation. Teachers' unions feel that their members have been unfairly victimised for falling standards by Mr Woodhead. Now their persecutor is getting his comeuppance after a Hoddlesque gaffe. You sow what you

reap. But the unions which are delighted to see Mr Woodhead slip up should realise that their members are on the same flimsy making it more dangerous still. Allegations of sexual impropri-

ety between teachers and pupils provoke understandable outrage. But teachers should know better than anyone that it is unwise to hurl unsubstantiated allegations of sexual abuse. Changes in public attitudes and the law have made teachers especially vulnerable to faise charges of sexual misconduct.

The numbers of allegations made against teachers by pupils trebled in the three years after the Children Act came into force in 1991, although the number of staff convicted or sacked remains as low as before.

Clearly social animides towards child abuse have changed. In the past, child sexual abuse was so taboo that allegations were routinely disbelieved, allowing that minority of abusers a free rein. But where we used to James Heartfield

turn a blind eye we are now in danger of wagging the witchfinders finger. Today it is impossible to discount allegations of abuse made against teachers. According to some child welfare professionals, it is wrong to assume that children can lie. One wonders how they explain Just

As anyone who has children. or works with them, knows. children do tell lies, often, and sometimes they tell serious lies. Thanks to Esther Rantzen and others, children are also very aware of the neurotic charge which allegations of sexual abuse provoke. These issues are discussed in their hearing in the media, home and school. Pupils may not be au fait with every detail of the 1989 Children Act.

any more than the unemployed

were intimate with the details of Peter Lilley's legislative programme, but in both cases they "know their rights". The word went around the playground in no time that teachers were no longer allowed to lay hands on their pupils. We should not be surprised that children know the force of an allegation of inappropriate sexual behaviour, even if they are only dimly aware of its full ramifications. Nor should we

this weapon against teachers. The central provision of the Children Act is that the interests of the child should be paramount. This may be an admirable sentiment. But elevated to a legal principle, it is a disaster. It leads to the conclusion that all rights and protections previously afforded adults are trumped by

be surprised that pupils deploy

practice it leads to an assumption that the accused is guilty until

7 ith the new changes in the law of consent teachers will be opened up to yet more allegations of misconduct. Under the new law, sexual relations between teachers and pupils aged between 16 and 18 are criminal. Such relations were always a breach of school discipline and a sacking offence. But the intervention of the law only increases the distrust between staff and pupils.

Both the Children Act and the new law on consent represent the clumsy intrusion of law into relations that were once subject to self-regulation. Trying to impose the strict framework of legal rights and duties on to teachers and pupils fails to take account of the rich complexity of school life. researcher on children's rights.

a component part of teaching methods - though no longer one that is tolerated, as many older teachers are finding. This kind of banter on the part of teachers is not ordinarily evidence of attraction, let alone intent. It is just a way of catching the attention of another bored classroom.

With the new law of consent in place, alongside the Children Act, the courts are encouraging pupils to take flirtation for abuse. By raising the stakes about relations between teachers and punils, the law breaks down the trust that previously existed, and substitutes a presumption that teachers are potential sexual predators. The outcome of the new law on consent might be to eroticise student-teacher relations, not protect school pupils.

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### **HUSSEIN'S HOUR**

The place of a man amid the diplomatic complexities of an age

The sounds of weeping, bagpipes and chants from countless minarets were extraordinary. The image of the coffin, a solitary Arab stallion, and the seemingly endless funeral cortège, will stay in the memory of millions. Despite the scenes of grief and the pressing crush from high and low. King Hussein of Jordan was buried yesterday with an appropriate dignity. Hundreds of thousands of his subjects lined the ten-mile route from his home at Bab es-Salam to the Raghadan Palace. Hundreds of visiting statesmen waited there for the opportunity to pay their last respects. In death as in life the King was a focus for unity and stability.

That a diplomatic gathering of this size and rank should settle in such a small city as Amman is a tribute to King Hussein's standing. He moved in a unique set of political circles - the remaining monarchies, Western industrialised powers, the Arab nation, the Third World - and all were represented at his last journey. His country may currently occupy a central and strategic position in the Middle East but that was not the reason why so many had come so far at short notice. He is a reminder that, for all the prominence of superpowers and economic blocs, the charismatic individual has not been rendered redundant in international relations.

The presence of certain key individuals symbolised the occasion. President Assad of Syria had not been expected to attend but did and embraced the Jordanian Royal Family with apparent emotion. President Yeltsin defied medical advice to make the trip and in so doing bravely made plain the depth of his own condition. The large delegation of Israelis, many of whom have hardly a decent word for each other, repaid the compliment that the King had bestowed on them at the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin. The various factions duly took care to keep a distance from each other but did

not allow their enmity to break through.

The end of the Cold War may make it possible for funerals of such a diplomatic character and scale to take place more often. But very few individuals will command the respect required for such an attendance. Nor will they meet in the same spirit that was so evident in Amman. This particular farewell afforded numerous opportunities for discreet political conversations. President Clinton and the American entourage will have taken the chance to explore fresh avenues in the Middle East peace process. Whether these efforts can produce any development of real merit is a matter of speculation. That King Hussein would have approved and encouraged such a venture is not.

### **KNOCK AT THE DOOR**

Mugabe takes the fateful step towards dictatorship

Zimbabwe has not been well administered for most of the past two decades: that much is self-evident. Incomes are much lower and unemployment is considerably higher than when Ian Smith was Prime Minister and his country was subject to international sanctions. This current economic crisis has become sharper of late: the Zimbabwean dollar has lost half its international value in only 12 months. Yet, for all these difficulties and despite Robert Mugabe's authoritarian instincts and open aspiration for a one-party system, a degree of political pluralism, short of democracy but equally shy of despotism, has more or less been maintained. This in turn explains why Zimbabwe has not entered the expanding ranks of Africa's most impoverished states.

It may not be long before it does. The arrest of three reporters from The Mirror newspaper yesterday, following the previous illegal detention and torture of two journalists - Mark Chavunduka and Ray Chato - from the Zimbabwe Standard last month, suggests that President Mugabe is determined to extinguish what remains of the independent media in the country. His ministers have all but promised that this crackdown will take place. Chen Chimutengwende, who serves under the ill-founded title of Information Minister, has pledged fresh legislation that would prevent new newspapers from being established, ban local media organisations from receiving funds from abroad, and tighten rules on libel and defamation.

In his ill-tempered, and at times incoherent, address to the nation at the weekend, Mr Mugabe made it clear that the free press was but one of the targets in his sights. He blamed British agents "planted or recruited in Zimbabwe to bring about disaffection amongst us" for the lamentable condition to which he has reduced his

country. He defended the army's actions in arresting Mr Chavunduka and Mr Chato and warned other writers not "to cry foul" if they received the same treatment. He bluntly indicated to the many members of the judiciary - especially three senior Supreme Court judges — who have criticised his conduct over the past few weeks that they should leave their posts and allow him to appoint their successors.

Mr Mugabe's overt dash to dictatorship reflects his increasing desperation. For much of the past 19 years he has survived in office, despite his record, because of division among his opponents. The emergence of a new political force, the Zimbabwe Union of Democrats, led by Margaret Dango, MP, and Morgan Tsvangirai, leader of the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, now poses a substantial threat to the regime. Despite Mr Mugabe's attempts to assert otherwise, meither of these credible characters has any links to the old white establishment or overseas intelligence organisations. They are Zimbabwe's government-in-waiting.

They will not have the opportunity to fulfil that role if Mr Muga ibe, as ne mienos makes it impossible for their party to promote its message. Only outside pressure or an internal coup will preserve what remains of democracy in Zimbabwe. The IMF, which will decide next month whether to resume balance-of-payments support to the Government, must not proceed with that backing in these circumstances. Britain and other donor nations should not continue with these contributions while Mr Mugabe is making such threats. This would not be, as the Zimbabwean President claims, "a campaign of destabilisation". It is the one way that meaningful economic and political stability in Zimbabwe might be restored.

### A FREE SCHOOL

The Guildford governors should be bold in reform

would like a non-profit organisation to manage one of its comprehensive schools. Last year school inspectors judged that Kings Manor School, Guildford, to be failing its pupils. Instead of ordering closure, the council has decided to see if the private sector might succeed where it has failed. Such radicalism has provoked disapproval from some in the education establishment, who see it as evidence of creeping privatisation. Yet councils have had decades to perfect their performance. Some still perform lamentably badly. Where that happens, fresh ideas should be welcomed. Children's interests, not vested interests, should come first.

The cries of protest reflect fears that, far from bolstering local authorities' grip on education, new Labour is prepared to loosen it. Under the Conservatives, the private sector began to tiptoe into the state sector, with initiatives such as city technology colleges. Instead of reversing this trend. the Government has formed 25 education action zones, where local education authorities and businesses invest in nearly 500 underperforming schools. If local authorities fail to perform their functions to an adequate standard, private contractors might be sent in. Now, to the horror of the teaching unions, ministers appear to be prepared to allow private companies to manage schools in return for a fee and

performance-related bonuses. The Education Secretary, David Blunkett, has demonstrated nimble political footwork in dancing around this issue. To appease the unions and his party's left wing, he stated that "there is no question of a state school being run for profit. This, his advisers claim, is a world away from a company running a school for a "management fee". Surrey County Council's decision to award the Kings' Manor contract to sion to award the station has given him succeeds, be encouraged elsewhere.

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Surrey County Council has decided that it a let-out clause that is unlikely to silence his critics. Mr Blunkett should ignore them. and instead think what parents want.

Surrey's parents are unlikely to agree that the council is reneging on "its duties and responsibilities", as Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, claims. Had the council ploughed on, trying to develop its own solutions to the school's problems, then it might be guilty of such a misdemeanour.

Nor are many parents likely to share the views of Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the NASUWT, who attacked Surrey County Council for abdicating its powers and portrayed it as a "turkey voting for Christmas". Parents whose children are educated in councils which have been bumping along the bottom of the performance tables might well applaud this act of self-sacrifice. The school is still free, open and educating their children, and that is what matters most.

The school governors should not be discouraged from taking the bold measures that are often required to revitalise a failing school. In the United States, the Edison Project, which runs 25 schools, has restructured everything from the length of the school day to teachers' contracts. It is unfortunate that this organisation did not feel able to pursue its interest in Kings' Manor for fear it might lack full autonomy. Whether the governors will be courageous enough to sanction such changes, if

deemed necessary, remains to be seen. In Labour's election manifesto, the Prime Minister stated that "what matters is what works". Where local authorities fail that test, their monopoly on the provision of state education should be questioned. Mr Blunkett should not be afraid of making enemies within his own party as a consequence. The Guildford experiment must be given the chance to work and, if it

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### by Home Office

From Mr Andrew Nicol. QC. Chair of the Immigration Law Practitioners Association

Sir. The misery caused to refugees by Home Office delays is well known. More recently, however, through a virtual shutdown of the Home Office's Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND), the Home Office has created a situation that seriously threatens the future of international business and overseas investment in the UK.

On February I the IND suspended the fast-track representative application system upon which the international business community in the UK largely relies in order to process urgent applications. As a result, there is inordinate delay in ordering files at the Home Office. Linking correspondence from all relevant parties has become almost impossible (thus limiting the number of applications that can be processed) and those who have submitted passports many months ago cannot travel as they are unable to retrieve them.

It is unacceptable that businessmen who are required to travel urgently should have to submit postal applications, knowing that their passports will not be available for months to come. This organisation has put forward urgent interim measures which require immediate implementation if the UK's already damaged reputation in this area is to be salvaged.

Would Robin Cook or Jack Straw like to be told that they were unable to travel abroad on business for several months because of "reorganisation"?

Yours sincerely. ANDREW NICOL Chair, Immigration Law Practitioners' Association, Lindsey House, 40-42 Charterhouse Street, London ECIM 6JN. February 4.

#### Hoddle and free speech

From Mr Michael Patterson

Sir, Freedom of speech may well be the most fundamental of human rights, as Mrs Tricia Morgan says (letter, February 5), but America, a nation I admire, does not have a monopoly on such freedom and is far from being its greatest exemplar. Many who have spoken up for the right to hold, for example, communist or humanist views in the US could vouch for that.

Glenn Hoddle lost his job, not for expressing religious beliefs, but for making ill-considered and prejudicial comments about a whole section of our society from a position of power and influence, when we as a nation are entitled to expect much, much

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL PATTERSON. Bedford MK40 4BZ. mpact\_mpa@compuserve.com February 5.

#### Performance and pay

From Sir Martin Berthoud

Sir, May I enter the lists against performance-related pay (PRP) with David Gladstone (letter, today)?

The Foreign Service introduced this pernicious system in the 1980s. I was serving with them abroad at the time as head of a small post where good relationships with all staff were crucial and all too liable to be upset if someone thought they were not getting their just deserts over pay or anything else.

A senior member of my staff made it clear to me that he thought he deserved a recommendation for a PRP bonus. I thought he wasn't quite up to that high standard but, wanting a quiet life, feebly told him I would try. Inevitably, my commendation lacked total enthusiasm and he failed

to get the award. The PRP system simply invites fud-ges of this kind. Staff relationships at schools, large and small, are obviously as important as in an embassy, and it will be the greatest pity if these are to be imperilled through the introduction of this invidious procedure.

Yours sincerely, MARTIN BERTHOUD, Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk CO6 4RD. February 8.

#### Monitoring MPs

From Sir John Lea

Sir, You report today that Mr Andrew Dismore, MP, is attempting to introduce the creation of a system for keeping QCs up to scratch after they are appointed.

May I suggest that there is a far greater need for a system to keep MPs up to scratch after they are appointed. To parody Mr Dismore, I have known some brilliant MPs (including my own) but also some mediocre

I suggest any investigation should start with MPs who perhaps could not make the grade as lawyers.

Yours sincerely, JOHN LEA. Springfield, 27 Bright's Lane, Hayling Island, Hampshire POH OJX. February 3.

#### Threat to business Ethos and standards of the OUP evidence offered in the report is slight.

cipline, philosophy, is different. I have

had reason to admire and to benefit

from the meticulous rigour of academic readers invited by the OUP to

vet my manuscripts.
In this discipline, at least, there is

reason to think that the academic

standards of the OUP are at least as

high, if not higher, than they were a

intellectual standards count for more.

Sir, I am astonished by the statement

by so distinguished a scholar as Sir Keith Thomas, Chairman of the

Finance Committee of Oxford Uni-

versity Press, that "Oxford's editorial

standards remain exceptionally high.

and are enforced by a legendary copy

editor who can read 40 different

Leofranc Holford-Strevens edits the

books in his care with genius. cer-

tainly, but his writ does not run more

widely. Indeed, there is no longer any

centralised control of editorial stand-

ards at the OUP: their administration

was some time ago devolved to in-

dividual departments, with unsur-

The imputation to OUP of editorial

degeneracy is too serious to be de-

flected by paying tribute to a source of quality control which does not exist.

Wolfson College, Oxford OX2 6UD.

Sir, I was amazed to read Sir Keith

Thomas's assertion, in defence of

OUP's poetic barbarism, that "Most

commercial publishers have given up publishing new poetry. To ask Oxford

to continue this task is to invite it to

Good heavens, the idea that Brit-

ain's richest, most self-aggrandising,

most tax-exempt, most subsidised

university should promote creativity!

Sir, There is an urgent need to

demilitarise East Timor. I believe the

ultimate responsibility lies with the

United Nations, and agree with the

Australian Council for Overseas Aid

(report, earlier editions, February 3)

that now is the time for peacekeepers

The Irish Government announced

on February 1 that it would be ready

to offer assistance to the UN should it

be decided to dispatch observers or

monitors to East Timor to oversee a

ceasefire and an Indonesian military withdrawal. One hopes that, in line

with his ethical foreign policy, Robin

would be for British and Irish

peacekeepers to stand side by side in

East Timor. This would be very much

in line with the spirit of the Good

(Director), East Timor Ireland

24-26 Dame Street, Dublin 2.

'Classless' medal

From Dr Roger Hood, TD

Sir. Does the introduction of the so-

called classless medal replacing the

Territorial Decoration and Territorial

Efficiency Medal (report and photo-

graph, February 1) herald equal con-

ditions of service for the Territorial

officer and soldier? And is it an acci-

dent that the announcement coin-

cides with the one-third manpower

I believe I detect government ideal-

ists marching badly out of step and in

What a marvellous opportunity it

prisingly variable results.

**HENRY HARDY** 

February 4.

(OUP editor, 1977-90),

From Mr Andrew Malcolm

subsidise creative writing.

ANDREW MALCOLM.

AKME Publications,

7 Southover Street,

Brighton BN2 2UA.

From Mr Tom Hyland

to be dispatched.

Cook will follow suit.

Friday agreement.

Yours sincerely

TOM HYLAND

etisc@indigo.ie

cut in the TA?

R. A. HOOD.

February 4.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN J. MILLER,

alanm@cwcom.net

February 5.

4 Cloister Gardens,

the wrong direction.

Woodside, 10 Copsem Lane,

Olympic pantomime?

Sir, Señor Samaranch asking the IOC

members to support him (report and

leading article, February 4) appears to

me to be analogous to Ali Baba asking

the 40 thieves for a vote of confidence.

Edgware, Middlesex HA8 9QL.

Esher, Surrey KT10 9HE.

From Mr Alan J. Miller

February 3.

Solidarity Campaign,

Suite 16, Dame House

February 4.

Whatever next?

Yours sincerely,

Department of Theology and

Verbal slips are annoying, but

generation ago.

Yours faithfully,

Religious Studies.

King's College London, Strand, WC2R 2LS.

From Dr Henry Hardy

PAUL HELM.

February 4.

From the Secretary to the Delegates and Chief Executive of the Oxford University Press

Sir, Alan Howarth, the Arts Minister, chooses to describe the Oxford University Press as "barbarians" (report, "OUP attacked for erosion of standards", February 4).

This is a bizarre charge to key at an organisation which publishes over 4,000 titles each year, including hundreds of very specialised monographs. It spends over £5 million a year on completely new editions of the Oxford English Dictionary and The New Dictionary of National Bio-graphy — a scale of scholarly sub-vention which would be quite inconceivable to any other publisher.

Mr Howarth rightly observed, on the same occasion, that OUP "is part of a great university which the Government supports financially". But he omitted to mention that the Government does not support the OUP; and, indeed, it is the OUP which gives financial support to the university.

OUP's primary purpose is to publish scholarly, academic and educational books; we are striving to achieve this in an increasingly competitive publishing and bookselling environment.

To ask OUP to continue to publish contemporary poetry is to invite it to subsidise creative writing, to behave as if it were an outlying department of the Arts Council. This is not part of the remit of a university press. We have never published any other kind of contemporary adult creative writing. Neither has anyone ever suggested that we should. Writing poetry is a valuable activity, but it is not an academic one and not part of OUP's primary purpose.

The open debate taking place within the university community about poetry, even though the decision has twice been ratified by meetings of the OUP's governing body of academic delegates, only confirms how much we care about these issues.

Oxford remains a home for lively debate, free thinking and, of course, civilising publications.

Yours faithfully, HENRY REECE. Secretary to the Delegates and Chief Executive. Oxford University Press. Great Clarendon Street. Oxford OX2 6DP. February 5.

From Professor Paul Helm Sir, The critics of the OUP quoted in

your report today may well be correct as regards literature, though the

#### **UN and East Timor** Pinochet extradition

From Miss Zofia Rusiecka

Sir, I was deeply shocked and ashamed to read the letter signed by some Members of the Polish Parliament (February 3) opposing the extra-dition of General Pinochet to Spain and supporting his role in Chilean

I cannot understand how people who (according to their own statement) suffered oppression from the authorities can justify what was done in Chile.

Yours sincerely, ZOFIA RUSIECKA. Kofiicowa 4b/7, Torun 87-100, Poland. zofia.rusiecka@izmo.com.pl February 4.

From Wing Commander R. Dauncey (retd)

Sir, Well written, Marcin Libicki and his fellow East European signatories. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, one has tended to forget the left-wing bias when discussing the Soviet Union that was shown by various commentators - who used to be known as fellow-travellers.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD DAUNCEY, Lermoos, 34 Main Road, Naphill, High Wycombe HPI4 4QB.

### Aids vaccine

From Mr Cliff Lenton

Sir, Far from concluding that testing Aids vaccines on humans is "premature" as you do in your leading article (February 2), the National Aids Trust and the International Aids Vaccine Initiative believe that human trials for some of the 40 candidate vaccines now available are long overdue.

Whilst behavioural prevention strategies must be expanded, increasing the insignificant \$125 million which is invested annually in finding a preventive Aids vaccine must now be a priority for public health and development agencies. Relying on social change will simply condemn to death many more millions in the developing world.

Yours faithfully. CLIFF LENTON (Vaccine Project Director). National Aids Trust. New City Cloisters. 188-196 Old Street, ECIV 9FR. cliff@welltown.demon.co.uk February 2

Letters may be faxed to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

#### Clues to English identity crisis My own experience in another dis-

From Mr Edward Fennell

Sir. The investigators into national identity were surely asking the wrong questions at the wrong time when they came to England (report, "Confident Celts put England in shade".

February I).
The Scots and Welsh are right to feel their hour for national assertion has arrived within the broad-spreading union of the EU. (Northern Ireland's condition is, of course somewhat different.) But England is in an entirely different state. As well as being occupied by many first and second generation Celts (such as myself), the major centres of London and the South East, Manchester, Birmingham are the home of an astonishingly varied multicultural, multilingual and cosmopolitan community to whom, not surprisingly, the traditional English stereotype can only be

applied with difficulty. London is now a "world city" with all the blessings and disadvantages which that implies. England is gradually assuming a rich, multilayered pattern which a simplistic, traditional notion of national identity will not

sansfy. The so-called crisis of Englishness marks, in fact, the birth pangs of a new kind of society - complex, cosmopolitan, sophisticated and diverse. Come back in 50 years and see the

EDWARD FENNELL 20 Egbert Road, Winchester SO23 7EB. February 1.

From the Reverend Gill Henwood

Sir, The identity crisis suffered by those of us who are English may be because "English" is a default identity. In a way similar to the answer "C of E" for religious affiliation, to be English is a catch-all description for those without strong links elsewhere. Being English, as being "C of E". could be described as a negative identity; we are not positively something else, by nationality or religion.

In the Church of England this is part of the familiar and comforting pattern of everyone automatically belonging unless opting out. The parish church is there for everyone and is largely taken for granted. Perhaps we should consider English nationality in the same way: everyone belongs and though we rarely bother to celebrate our heritage, it is a reassuring, quiet sense of being which many people from around the world

admire. After all, how can we define "English identity"? Born in London. my grandparents' surnames were Rennie (Scotland), Bell (from Eire), de Vere Mingard (?Huguenot) and Knappett (?Flemish). On marriage I was delighted to acquire a truly Englishsounding name which anyone can spell — but if its origin is indeed

Cornwall, is it English? Yours in crisis. GILL HENWOOD. Woodlands Farm, Hothersall Lane Hothersall, Lancashire PR3 2XB. woodlandsfarm@compuserve.com February 1.

From Miss Alice Goddard

Sir, In your report, the Scots, the Welsh and the Northern Irish happily described themselves as "friendly".
"easy-going", "genuine", "caring".
The English interviewed seemed to feel no pride in their national

character. If anyone asks me what we English are like in future, I can at least hold my head high and say "modest".

Yours faithfully, ALICE GODDARD. 28 Deacons Hill Road. Elstree. Hertfordshire WD6 3LH. February 2.

From Mrs M. Fraser

Sir, Being proudly and undilutedly English, I was intrigued to read "Manchester woman's" account of our compatriots' view of their nationality. And, in roughly ten seconds, I came up with five different symbols of England: Shakespeare, sublime domestic architecture, cricket, the ability to laugh at ourselves and an internationally useful language. Yours faithfully,

MARY FRASER The Mill, Kirkhill, Inverness-shire IV5 7PR. February 2.

#### Millennium bugged

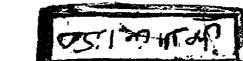
From Mrs Olivia Parker

Sir. "I'll have to make up an expiry date, the machine has rejected that one," the shop assistant told me yesterday when I tried to pay for a book with my new debit card (expiry

date: 12/00). What a thrill; after all this talk on the TV and radio it had happened — I'd been "Millennium Bugged", and there are still 11 months to go.

More worryingly, when I asked excitedly "Is that the millennium bug?" the shop assistant looked completely blank.

Yours sincerely, OLIVIA PARKER. The Apartment, Four Seasons, Ballyneery, Limerick. oparker@iol.ie February 4.





### COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM HOUSE February 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by The Prince of Wales at the State Funeral of King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jor-dan, which was held in Amman.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 8: The Princess Royal, Patron, Basic Skills Agency, this evening attended the British Council International Reception at the Strand Palace Hotel. The Strand,

#### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, patron, the Basic Skills Agency, will anend the British Council International Seminar at the Strand Palace Hotel, 37 The Strand, London WC2, at 8.55am; and will officially open Moorcroft School, Bramble Close. Hillingdon, Uxbridge, at 200. The Duke of Kent president. EDEXCEL Foundation, will attend the EDEXCEL Student of the 'ear Awards at Drapers' Hall. Throgmorion Avenue, at 11.30.

Lord Lowry A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of The Right Hon

The Lord Lowry will be held at the Temple Church, London EC4, on

Birthdays today Mr Norman Adams, painter and ceramic sculptor, 72: the Countess of Airlie, 66; Mr Brian Bennett, Shadows' drummer, 59; Mr Ryland Davies, tenor, 56: Air Com-mandant B.M. Ducat-Amos,

former director, RAF Nursing Service, 78; Miss Mia Farrow, actress, 54: Dr Garret FitzGerald. former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 73: Mr Bernard Gallacher, golfer, 50; Dr George Guest, organist, 75; Mr Justice Johnson, 66: Mr Ben E. King, singer, 57: Mr Sandy Lyle, golfer, 41: Sir Donald Miller, former chairman. ScottishPower. 72: Dame Annette Penhaligon, 53: Sir Hayden Phillips, civil servant, 56: Miss Amanda Roocroft, opera inger. 33: Professor MJ.H. Sterling, Vice-Chancellor, Brunel University, 53: Mr Gordon Strachan. football manager. 42; Miss Janet Suzman, actress, 60; Mr Clive Swift, actor, 63: Lord Williams of

Viscount Norwich delivered a lecture to the Ruskin Society at the annual dinner held last night at the Reform Club to mark the 180th anniversary of John Ruskin's birth. Sir Richard Body, MP. chairman of the society, presided and Professor Michael Wheeler

Chancellor of London University, the Chief Rabbi and Rabbi Dr honour at a dinner held last night at Senate House, London University, to mark the degree ceremony and Rabbinic ordination of the London School of Jewish Studies, an associate institution of London University. Mr Clive M. Marks presided, Professor David Ruhen director of the school, also spoke.

Professor John Montgomery was the speaker at a talk dinner of the Athenaeum held last night in Pall Mall. Canon Michael Saward was

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Mr C.N.D. Cole, and the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillon Marion Drake, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the County Hall. Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was the Secretary of State for Wales, the Right Hon Alun Michael. Councillor Russell Goodway, Leader, Cardiff County Council, presided.

Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Nato, was the guest of honour and speaker at a Mid-Atlantic Club luncheon held yesterday at the English-Speaking Union. Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director of the Atlantic Council,

Retary Club of London

The Hon Ivor Lucas presided.

tember, in succession to Mr François Gordon who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appointment.

### **Dinners**

Cardiff Business Club

#### Luncheons

The German Ambassador was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Mr John Buchanan, president, was in the

Dr Rana Kabbani was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Group of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Ruskin Society

Professor Graham Zellick, Vice-Abraham Levy were the guests of

Meeting
Royal Over-Seas League

Mr Bill Sinton has been appointed Ambassador to Algeria, from Sep-

Mid-Atlantic Club Ambassador Klaus-Peter Klaiber.

#### Appointment

London School of Jewish Studies

### The Athenaeum

Chemistry The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in January 1999. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC:

CChern FRSC:
F G Bacman, G J Bignold, D W. Bonndare, M Bowker, G A Bowmalar, J M Brown, R F Browne, K I Cavell, R G Cumpton, S D D K K Galpothhage, P N Gaies, P W Groundwater, J Hamerton, A J Handley, D M B Hickey, G Hogarth, R C Hunter, A G Jones, R G Kinsman, R R Landham, T Lilley, J A McCleverty, B A Murrer, B Odell, P Parkes, A M Fhillips, S J T Pollard, D W Y Prom, A J Ryan, C J Springer, M J Suncific, C C Todd, D L Turner, M Vaswan, T S-M Wan, C D Williams, S M Wilson and J V Wood.

Royal Society of

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Carson, Ist Baron Carson, lawyer and leader of the frish Unionist Party, Dublin. 1854; Anthony Hope (pseudonym of Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins), novelist. London. 1863: Mrs Patrick Campbell, actress, Lon-don. 1865: Alban Berg, composer. Vienna. 1885: Jim Laker, cricketer, Pandfool. 1002. Panden Rebes Bradford, 1922; Brendan Behan writer. Dublin, 1923. DEATHS: John Hooper, Bishop of

Worcester, burnt at the stake. Gloucester, 1555; Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal 1765-1811, Greenwich. 1811; Fyodor Dostoevsky, novelist. St Petersburg, 1881; Jo-hann Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, Wellington, New 7en land, 1938; Bill Haley, rock 'n' roll singer. Harlingen, Texas. 1981: Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1982-84, Moscow. 1984.

Lord Darnley, Consort of Mary Queen of Scots, was murdered in Edinburgh, 1567. Aeroflot, the Russian state airline, was formed, 1923.

The British Government declared a state of emergency after a month-long miners' strike, 1972

CAPEY - (Siaden) Angela on Saturday February 6th 1999, reluctantly but

peacefully at home. Beloved wife of Michael

widow of David Sladen and very much loved mother of Fiona, Kirsty, Sarah and Andrew.

grandmother and great-grandmother and twin sister of Pat Allen. Private

sister of Pat Allen. Private funeral followed by Thankagiving Service at All Saints Church. Wrington, North Somerset on Saturday February 13th at 12 noon. Flowers or donations c/o Keith C Britton and Son. Funeral Directors, 10 High Street, Yatton, North Somerset BS49 4JA, 01834 832115.

CREWE - Peacofully at home on February 6th. Thomas Cavey, aged 73 years. Husbard of Linda. father of Rachel and Simon. father-in-law of Lize and Tony and Pompa\* to his grandchildren. Funeral Monday February 15th, service at Mutley Baptist Church, Plymouth at 1.00pm. All enquiries plesse to Walter Parson Funeral Director, tel 0175.

Funeral Director, tel 01752

DAVENHILL - Rosemary, on

AVENIALL - ROSEMERY, on 4th February 1999. Peacefully in Winchester, aged 69. Much loved twin sister of Elinor. Funeral Service at 5t Barnabas Church, Winchester on

Church, Winchester on Tuesday, 16th February at 2 pm. Flowers or donations to N.S.P.C.C. or R.S.P.C.A. c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd... Chesil House, Winchester.

DAY - Anthony Samuel (Tony) on February 5th unexpectedly. Much loved brother of John. much loved uncle of Christopher

and great-uncle of Chaire. Funeral private. Memoria Service at Charterhouse,

DEAN . John Alan Brooke or

DEAN John Alan Brooke on February 1st as the result of a skiing accident in Verbiar Son of John Verbiar Son of John Verbiar Son of John Verbiar Goliver, Harriet, Willism (doceased and Henry, brother and a friend to so many. Funeral at Holy Trinity. Bosbury, Herefordshire on Saturday 13th February at 13th persons

13th February at 12 Boo Enquiries and donation to Hawcutt Funeral

Directors, The Homead, Ledbury, HRS, Tel 01531

632084. Family flowers

DUMN - Mary (née Graham)

eldest daughter of the sixth Duke and Duchess o

sixth Duke and Duchess of Montrose. Died peacefully at home on 7th February in her 9th year. Beloved mother of the late James and of Simon Boscawen. Much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St. Nisiens. Troops 12 Noon.

Ninian's, Troon at 12 Noo on Thursday 11th
on Thursday 11th
February 1999 thereafter
cremation, family only.
Family flowers only. If
desired, donations to

### **Royal Air Force College Cranwell**

Dame Judi Dench, patron of the Orange Prize for Screenwriting, with the three winners, Bernard Wright, Sara Sugarman and Clive Bradley, and Hans Snook of Orange. Dame Judi presented the award for the first time at

The Ivy, London, yesterday. The prize, which was launched at the Cannes Film Festival last year, is aimed at new talent and is open only to those who have never had a feature film script produced into a film.

Air Marshal I D Macfadyen was the Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of 86 officers of No 175 Initial Officer Training Course from Royal Air Force College Cranwell last Thursday.

Graduating Officers of No 175 Initial Officer Training Course General Duties Branch - Pilot

Flying Officers P D Beevers BSc A Coe BSc: P M Durban BEng: D M Flynn BSc C W Knight BSc B Flynn BSc. C W Knight BSc. B
Shepherd BEng: J A Tipper MEng:
S M Williams BSc.
Pilot Officers J D Baker: A P Baron
BEng: M P Barrett BSc. D
Blakemore BSc. J M Cockroft
BEng: B D J Goggin BEng; R W
Hederman MEng: TM Jordan
BSc. C R Kidd BEng: P Krol BEng;
D C Landy MEng: E A McCulloch
BSc. S P Oakley BEng: 0 J Pengelly
BA; Z R Sennett BSc. B J Spoor
BSc. A R Thompson BSc. R J Tuer
BEng: A P Watts BEng: A K

BEng: A P Watts BEng: A K Woodward BSc Acting Pilot Officers A P Coxall RIN MRAeS; A K Williams. General Duties - Navigator

Flying Officer H Barnford MA. Pilot Officers M J Grafton HND BEng: E L Hale BA. Operations Support Branch - Air Traffic Control Flying Officer S M Aldridge.

Pilot Officers W Carney MA: H J Goodwin BSc PGCE: S J Payton BSc. A M Stewart BSc. Acting Pilot Officer M J M Davis. Operations Support Branch -Intelligence Pilot Officers R L Dixon BA: M S

Lofts BA. Operations Support Branch -Flight Operations Pilot Officer J C F Huxley BA. Acting Pilot Officer R J Gleeson. Operations Support Branch -

Flying Officer S R J Morris BSc. Pilot Officer M G Smith BEd. Engineer Flight Lieutenants P A Brooker

BEng AMIEE; C C T Checkley BEng SRAeS: S J Dyke BEng AMIEE: A C Keeling BEng ARAeS: J S Nash BEng AMIEE: S M Taylor BEng, G J Walker BEng AMIEE, E D Williams BEng. Flying Officers A J Baker BEng AMIEE; G P Ball; D C S Black BEng; T S Bleakley BA MEng; D J Johnston: P M Leighton MSc BSc:

V Mungroo BEng BA: M A Neasham BEng AMIEE: D A Penier MEng. Pilot Officers A M Audus HNC; J J E Bertie MSc BEng; M C Cook BEng; M A Lane BEng; J K V Ward BEng.

Flying Officer M Reed BSc MSc. Pilot Officers H M Gledhill BSoc-Sc: A L Shilvock BSc: A Tose BA. Administrative Branch - Training Flight Lieutenant D Chan BSc

PGCE. Flying Officers M Dempster BA: S Hinton BA PGCE; M A Scott-Jeffs BA PGCE. Pilot Officer J Phillips BSc PGCE. Administrative Branch -

Secretarial Flying Officers S J O'Donnell BSc: I A Puppet. Pilot Officers K L Dryden BA PGCE: R W Edmond BA: V L Hughes BSc. Acting Pilot Officers J M Hawthornthwaite; P D Yates. Foreign and Commonwealth

Qatar Emiri Air Force

Second Lieutenants M Al Hababi: H Al Naimi

Hungarian Air Force Fighter Controller Officer Cadet A Nagy

Prizewinners of No 175 Initial Officer Training Course The Sword of Merit, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has demonstrated outstanding ability. leadership and other officer qualities and potential for fluther development. Student Officer A C Keeling BEng

The Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has proved to be the best all-round cadet, other than the Sword of Merit winner, Student Officer J S Nash BEng AMIEE.

The British Aircraft Corporation Trophy, awarded to the RAF or Foreign and Commononwealth cadet who has attained the highest marks for professional studies on the course, Student Officer S M Williams BSc. Overseas Students' Prize, awarded

to the Foreign and Commonwealth cadet who has produced the best overall performance in leadership. officer qualities and professional studies on the course. Officer Cadet H Al Naimi QEAF. The Group Captain Williams Memorial Trophy, awarded to the RAF cadet who, during Initial Officer Training, has shown the greatest improvement, Student Of-ficer V Mungroo BEng BA.

The Longcroft Trophy, awarded to most to sport during Initial Officer Training, Student Officer B D J Goggin BEng.

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J-P. Cope and Miss S. George

The engagement is announced between Jason-Phillip, only son of

the late Mr John Cope and of Mrs

Cope. of Harrow-on-the-Hill. London, and Sally, only daughter of Mr Peter George, of Challont St

Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Carol George, of Chelsea, London.

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Bryan Dykes, of Chelsea.

London, and Michèle, daughter of

the late Mr Peter Pearce Manley and of Mrs Manley, of Buntingford,

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Major and Mrs William Ladds. of Doniford.

Somerset, and Samantha, daughter of Richard Stuart-Hunt and the

late Lindsay Stuart-Hunt, and stepdaughter of Mrs David Sebire.

of Horton. South Gloucestershire.

The marriage will take place today, at the Landmark Hotel. London, between Mr Gavin David

Tresidder, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Tresidder, and Miss Nicola

Jayne Richardson, daughter of Mrs Richardson and the late Mr

Mr G.D. Tresidder

Barry Richardson.

and Miss N.J. Richards

Mr R.W.E. Ladds and Miss S.A. Stuart-Hunt

Mr J.E.H. Dykes and Miss M.H.E. Manky

Herdordshire.

Mr S.P. Baxter and Miss E.J. Jardine

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mrs Jane Baxter, of Saxmundham, Sulfotk, and of Mr John Baxter, and Elspeth, younger daughter of Mr Richard Jardine, of The Barbican, London, and Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Suffolk, and the late Mrs Janes Jardine.

Mr W.J.F. Carpmael and Miss A.L. Wait

The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Carpmael, of Sturts Farm, Neen Sollars, Worcester-shire, and Anna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wait. of Fendalton, Christchurch. New

Captain T.S.B. Christie

and Miss V.A.L. Monk
The engagement is announced
between Captain Toby Christie. The Highlanders, elder son of John and Stephanie Christie, of Blackhills, Elgin, and Vanessa, younger daughter of Robert Monk, of Twickenham, and Pamela Morris. of Hook Norton, Oxfordshire.

Mr LJ. Evans and Miss A.R. Losse

The engagement is announced between Lee, only son of Mr and Mrs John Evans, of Peterlee, Durham, and Anna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Dieter Losse, of Windsor, Berkshire.

Church news

Mary (Carlisle): to be Curate. Kendal Holy Trinity (same dio-The Rev Nick Sharp, Curate, Oakwood St Thomas (London): to be Team Vicar, Farmborough The Good Shepherd (Guildford). The Rev Gerard Storey, Anglican

The Rev Eric Robinson, NSM

Curate, Carlisle St Cuthbert w St

Pastor, Oman: has been appointed Priest-in-Charge, Guernsey Holy Trinity (Winchester). The Rev Dr Nicholas Thistle-thwaite, Vicar, Trumpington St Mary and St Michael (Ely): to be Precentor of Guildford Cathedral

(Guildford). The Rev Paul Tudge, Vicar, Woodside St James (Ripon): to be Vicar. likley All Saints (Bradford). The Rev Peter Vargeson, Vicar, Burlesdon (Winchester): has been appointed Rural Dean of Eastleigh (same diocese).

The Rev Jacqueline Waterman, Priest-in-Charge, Walton St John (Liverpool): has been appointed Incumbent, same benefice

The Rev Haydon Wilcox, Rector, Bilsthorpe, Eakring, and Priest-in-Charge, Maplebeck and Winkburn (Guildford): to be Priest-in-Charge. Aldershot St Michael

Retirements & resignations The Rev Paul Conder. Vicar. Blundellsands St Michael (Liverpool) to retire August 7.

Prebendary Patrick Dearnley. Priest-in-Charge, Waterloo St John (Liverpool) to retire May 31. The Rev Benjamin Sasada. NSM Priest-in-Charge, Dickleburgh w Langmere and Shimpling, Thelveton w Frenze, and Rushall (Norwich) retired January 17.

The Rev Athol Thompson, Vicar. Shiregreen St James and St Christopher (Sheffield) to retire April 4.

#### University news

Honorary degrees: Mrs Rachel Sullivan (Master of Arts). Professor Barry Supple, FBA.

### BMDS: 0171 680 6880

### PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick But go and learn what this means: I desire

#### mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sin-ners." Matthew 9.12-13 (NIV).

Alice Eleanor

BIRTHS CARTWRIGHT - On February and Simon, a daughter

CARVER - On February 1st FORD - On January 28th, to Clare (née Heap) and Jason, a son, Joseph Ashei

Jason, a son, Joseph Asher. Thanks to the staff at The Jessop Hospital, Sheffield 1999, to Lucy (née Thorburn) and William, a son, Alexander Patrick

LEEMING - On February 7th Demma of the control of the control

MAUGHAN - On 2nd February 1999 to Jamie and Punchie a son Angus William Sanderson, a brother for a delighted Ned and Katie.

MORRISSEY - On Sunday ORRISSET - On Junear, February 7th 1999, to Jo-Jo Inée Gregorie: and Patrick, a son, William Timothy

SETH - On 22nd January, to Deborah and Patrick, a son, Oliver George Finlay, a brother for James STONEHILL - On 1th February, to Felicity (nee Salmond) and Salmond) and Christopher, a daughter, Lydia Cressida, a sister for Edward and Rupert

TAYLOR/LONGTON - On 14th December 1998, to Philip and Carrie, a beautiful daughter, Grace Florence. Diana (née Long) and Derrick, a son, Charles

### DEATHS

AYLMORE - Colonel (Retd) : Robert Henry (Bob) Aylmore late Royal Engineers, died at bome or cingineers, oled at louise on 7th February 1999 aged 59 years after a brave and courageous fight against cancer. Much loved husband of Gill, greatly loved father of Catherine. Helen and Jonathan, and grandfather to Charles, Harry, Oliver, Edward and Sophie, Funeral service at All Seints Church, Haslingfield on Friday February 12th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired payable to Imperial Cancer Research Campaign c/o F W Cook Funeral Service, 49 Church Street. Helen and Jonathan, and Church Street, Willingham, Cambridge tel

EST - Heather Elizabeth inée Gardner), on 5th February, in her 75th year after a long illness. Alway at the heart of her family. at the heart of her family private family cremation Flowers, or donations to The Dementia Relief Truc/o L.F. Linton & Son. North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DG. 101730 813264).

BROADLEY - Margaret Elsie.
aged 95. member of the
Royal London Hospital
nursing staff 1 1923-581,
peacefully after a short
illness on February 5th,
1999. Loved and loving
aunt and great-aunt and
friend of many. Private
family cremation at
Parudon Wood
Crematorium, Harlow,
Essex at 10.00am on
Thursday. February 18th,
followed by thankagiving
servics at the Methodist
Church, Loughton, Essex.

Church, Loughton, Essex at 11.00am. Family flower at 11.0am. ramity flowers only. Any donations to the Whitechapel Mission, London E1. c/o Warriners and Sons, 32 Church Hill. Loughton. Essex IG 10 1LA.

BROHN - Penelope Jane. diod peacefully at home surrounded by her family. David, Danief, fustine and Jessica and close friends. on Wednesday February 3rd, 1999. Penny was a co-lounder of the Bristol Cancer Help Centre and fought her cancer with style and courage for nearly 20 years. Everyone nearly 20 years. Everyone who mot her will treasure that time and her family miss her terribly. She came to us to live out loud. A funeral service for family and close friends will be held at St Mary's Church, Saliford, Near Bristol on Wednesday 10th February at 11.30 am A memorial service will be held at 5th Mary Redeliffe the March at 2.30 pm. Anyone who knew Penny would know flowers are most definitely welcome!

uso contact Flourtation

BROOKE-DEAN - See Dean

BURNE - (Tug) Alexander Gordon FilmechE (leacher, airman and Scottish airman and Scottish country dancers died peacefully after a short illness on February 5th 1999 aged 78. Service to take place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday 15th February. Family flowers tout Family flowers (cut flowers only). Donations if desired to The Woodla Trust or the Kent Air Ambulance, Enquiries to W. Hodges, 89 St Johns Hill, Sevenoaks, TN 13 3PE, 401733: 454457.

PERSONAL COLUMN

MACNITYRE On February
4th, 1999 peacefully at
home. Ceptain Bernard
MacIntyre DSC\* Royal
Navy much loved father
and grandfather of Mark.
Clico. Kate, Michael. Jake.
Toby and Gemma.
Cremation February 12th,
family only. Thankagiving
Service February 27th at
St. James Birdham.
Donations to RNLI Tel
01243 782136. HAYS - Montague died peacefully at home on 4th February 1999 aged 76 years. Much loved busband, father. UNSANY - Lt. Col. Randal, Lord Dunsany, of Co. Meath, on February 6th 1999, peacefully aged 92 years; much loved husband of Sheila and husband, father.
stepfather and
grandfather who wilf
always be in our deepest
thoughts and fondest
memories. He was a man husband or Spena and father of Edward and Beatrice Plunkett Funera private. Memorial Service in Dublin at a later date. of great integrity, courage and humour, respected by all he knew. Funeral to FLOWER - Laura Lindell, in

February, aged 14, adored daughter of James and Catherine, and beloved sister to Rose, Beatrice and Flora. Funeral at 3.30 pm Wednesday 10th February at Marminiac Church.

GASCOIGNE - Dibble, widow of Humphrey, greatly loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, peacefully on 8th February, Funoral 2.00pm Monday 15th February at Pettistree Church, Family Rowers only, but any donations to only, but any donations to St Elisabeth's Hospice, cro E.B. Button and Sons Ltd. 24 St John's Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1EB.

GEE - On February 5th 1999, unexpectedly but peacefully at home, Derek, the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth, father and father-in-law of Deborah and Michael, Funeral service and interment at the Parish Church of St Giles, Great Longatone on Tuenday, February 16th at 1,00pm. No flowers please, donations if desired for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal may be sent to J.W. & J. Mettam Limited Mill Street

GIOIA - Raffaele died at

her 90th year, suddenly but pascefully on 2nd February 1999. Beloved wife of the late Lieutenan Colonel H.S. Flower, 5th Fusiliers, and sister of Stanley Fisher of Manila. Funeral Service at Sta-Funeral Service at Sta-Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Amberley on Thursday 11th February at 2pm.

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MAIG - Lt. Col. Anthony
Eyro Gordon, on 5th
February 1999 peacefully
at The Bara House.
Meratham Loving
husband of the late Joane
and father of Michael.
Engeral Service Monday

take place at Hougham Church, Hougham near Marston, Grantham, Lincolnshire at 11.30 am on Thursday 11th February 1999.

and father of Michael.
Funeral Service Monday
15th February 2:30 pm at
5t Katharines Church,
Merstham followed by
cremation at The Surrey
and Sussex Crematorium,
Crawley. Femily flowers
only, donations to
Alzhelmers Disease
Society c/o Stoneman
Funeral Services, Doran
Court, Reigate Road.
Redhill. Surrey. RH1 6AZ.

Giola-Rallacie died at home on February 4th 1999 agod 31 after a brava light against cancer. Family flowers only plesse, but donations, if desired to Cancer Research, may be sent to Mayoritha to the sent to Mayesbrook Funeral Services, Barking, Essex IC11 8UW. 0181 507 7641

HEALING - Nora Katherine peacefully on February 2nd aged 97. Dearly loved mother of Geoffrey and Isobel, grandmother of Victoria, Jessica, Joselyn and Nicolayand wife of the and Nicole and wife of the late Harold James Healing Funeral at St Mary of Bethany Parish Church, Mount Hermon Road, Woking on Tuesday February 16th at 2 pm Pamily flowers only. Donations, if desired, to

Woking Hospice. Enquiries to Punera! Director, telephone 01483 772266 HIMSLEY - Lady Hilary Brett, peacefully in Cambridge on 5th February - Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium Friday 12th February at 4 pm. Flowers to Harry Williams, 7 Victoria Park, CB4 3EJ.

KEEN - Margaret M.B.E. on KEEN - Margaret M.B.E on 3rd February peacefully at Ross Court, Ross-on-Wye aged 91 years. \*Late of Brampton Abbotts, Ross-on-Wye; Dearly loved aunt of Patrick, Penny and Charles, Funeral Service and interment at Brampton Abbotts Church on Friday 12th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations (f desired to R.N.L.1 C.O William Bevan, Funeral Directors, 16 Old Directors, 16 Old Gloucester Road, Ross-or

LEWIS - Joan Dixson
peacefully on February
and aged 86 years, beloved
wife of the late David,
sister of Ian Lumsden Rae,
Funeral Service at \$1
Nicholas Church,
8fakeney on Monday
February 15th at 2 pm.
Flowers or if desired Flowers or II desired donations for The Imperia Cancer Research Fund c/o Canler & Son FD. Highfield Road. Fakenham, Norfolk.

LUNT - Humphrey Guy, of Edghaston, Birmingham died on 7th February, 1999 aged 94 years, Beloved husband of Monica, and much loved lather of Tim, Judy, Clare and Margaret, grandfather and greatgrandfather Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Augustine's Church, Edghaston on Friday 12th February 1999 at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only.

MACLEAN - On February 8th 1899, peacefully at hom in Reufrewshire, in his 91st year, Sir Robert Alexander Maclean Alexander Maclean K.B.E., D.L., L.L.D., beloved husband of the late Vivienne Neville Bourke of Heathfield, Co Mayo, and much loved father of Caroline, Gillian Charles and Robin, their children and grandchildren. The service chudren and grandchildren. The service will be held at Houston Church on Friday February 12th at 11am followed by a private burial Family flowers

MASON - Charles Young Hurdis on 6th February 1999. Dearly loved husband of Angela, devoted father of Caroline devoted father of Caroline Guy and Hugh. Much loved father-in-law of Martin. Topsey and Anna, adored grandfather of Alexandra, Laura and Serena. Private family cremation. Service of Thenkegiving on Friday 12th February at 3 pm at All Saints Church. Povntington Dorest Poyntington, Dorset. Donations, if desired, to

MEYRICK - John Edward, on 6th February in his 87th year, beloved husband of June, father of Vivienne, Gerard and Diane. Dear friend of Doris. Funeral service at 5t Mary the Virgin Church, Fawkham at 11 Isam on Wednesdey 17th February, followed by Cremation at Medway Cremation at Medway Crematorium. Flowers for if preferred, donations to the Lions Hospica), to T S Horlock and Son Ltd. 11 Station Road, Longfield, Kent. 01474 705078

MEYRICK - John Edward, or

MORGAN - Hilary (née Deweyt, aged 75, at Manchester Royal Infirmary on 7th February 1999, Much loved wife of Paul and mother of Clare, Stella and the late Patricla and Hugh. Grandmother of six. Private cramation, no flowers but if desired donations to Central Manchester Moulth Trust Manchester Health Trust.
e.o Dr J Yin, Ward 27,
Manchester Royal
Infirmary, M13 9WL.
Thanksgiving Service to
be announced. MORTON - Charles William Hearne - suddenly on 5th February, aged 73. Much loved husband of Ann. loved husband of Ann, father of Thomas, Guy, Jonathan and Crispin an devoted grandfather. Family funeral at St Helen's Church, Brant Broughton on Thursday 11th February at 11 am. Memorial service in Southwell Minater on Tuesday. 2nd March at

Tuesday, 2nd March at 2.30pm. Donations if wished to the British Hea

NETTLETON - Betty Isobel, widow of Wing Commander John Dering Nettleton VC, died in hospital on Saturday, 6th February and is greatly missed by her family and friends. The funeral will be held at St Glies Church, Newington, Oxfordshire on Friday, 12th February at 3pm. Any enquiries to 01865 891708.

OWEN - Peacefully on February 6th 1999 Margaret Josephine Owen aged 77 of Tadworth. She will be sadly missed by all ber family. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium.
Leatherhead, Surrey on Monday February 15th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice Trust. West End Lane, Esher. Surrey KT10 8NA.

PARSONS - On Friday.
February 5th, suddenly at home, Edward, much loved son of Andrew and Romy, brother of James and Annabel, Private and Annabel Private funeral service at Newton Valance. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Macmillan Cancer Relief as he would have wished, through Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton GU34 1LG Tel 01420 83177

RADICE - At Cheltenham on 4th February 1999, aged 77. Henry Laily Toleudal, MBE, late of The Gloucestershire Regiment after a long lilness most bravely borne, beloved husband of Angela. Funeral Service at Ali Saints, Cheltenham at 2pm, Wednesday 17th February, followed by burial in Cheltenham. Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum", c/o Mason and Stokes, 54, Howlett Road, Cheltenham GL52 6AH (01242-224877).

RADIÇE - At Cheltenham or

RASTEGAR - Engineer Morteza, father of Mining and Industry in Iran, died on 28th January 1999 in Vancouver, Canada. Missed by his countrymen. friends and family.
Memorial at Claridges on
Sunday 14th February
1999, 5.00 - 7.00 pm.

SEYMOUR - Sheile on February 4th, peacefull February 4th, peacefully at home surrounded by her family. Beloved wife of Leo and devoted mother of Anthes, Hugh, Sarah, Lavinia and Charles. Much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire on Thursday 1th February at 2,00cm. Ith February at 2,00pm.
Ith February at 2,00pm.
Family flowers only.
Donations if wished to
Trinity Hospics, 30
Clapham Common North
Side, London SW4.

SMITH - Guy Edward.
peacafully at Northend
Farm on 6th February.
aged 83. Greatly loved, he
will be sadly missed by his
large family and many
friends. Funeral st All
Sainta'. Burton Dassett, at
2.15 pm on Thursday 11th
February. Flowers or
donations to All Sainta'
Church. Bunton Dassett,
c/o J & M Hamphris, 32
Albert Street, Banbury
OX16 8DG.

SPALDING SMITH - Richard.
-th February 1989 in his
85th year, peacefully in a
nursing home. Much loved
and respected by all his
family and friends.
Funeral service, 11.30am
on Wednesdey 10th
February at St Dunstan's
Church, Monks
Risborough. Enquiries to
Surman and Horwood
Funeral Service, tel 01844
274842

STORER - Walter Owen, STORER - Walter Owen, formerly of Birmingham and Aston Universities, and of Strawberry Hill. Welland, Malvara. Peacofully on February 4th 1999 in The Cromwell Nursing Home. Huntingdon, Much loved father of Michael and Susan and grandfather of Piers and Justine, Funeral at 1 pm on Thursday February 11th at Little Malvern Priory. Malvern Priory. Worcestershire. Enquiries to Malcolm J Presland. Funeral Directors. Tel:

1999 Christopher Patrick Neville, youngest son of the late Major General Sir Neville and Lady Swiney. dear brother of David and Michael, brother-in-law, Michael, brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle. Peacefully in hospital after a short illness, aged 68 Cremation, 130 pm on Monday February 15th at Colwyn Bay. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for ITU, Glan Clwyd Hospital, Bodelwyddan, co T. Rodelwyddan, c/o T. Conchar & Sons, 4 Woodland Road West, Colwyn Bay, L.L29 7DH, tel: 01492 532206.

SWINEY - On February 4th

SYMONS - Irene Blanche ton), widow of Raigh, died peacefulls Raiph, died peacefully on 19th January 1999 aged 93 years in Taunton.
Formerly of Bridport and Truro. Deeply beloved by family and friends. The funeral service at the Church of St Mary Magdalone, Clatworthy and interment of ashes at St Peter's Church, Newton has taken place.

THOMPSON - Stanley
Charles died peacefully on
February 1st 1999 at
Crosvenor Rest Home,
Southampton agod 89.
Beloved husband of
Barbara, much loved
father of Christopher and
Angela. Formerly
Headmaster of Itchen
College, Southampton.
Private cremation.
Memorial Service at 2.00
pm on Monday Fabruary
15th at Highfield Church,
Southampton. Family Southampton. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to the Alzheimers Disease Society c/o J Lawrence Sons 17, St Denys Road, Portswood , Southampt

Portswood . Southampt SO17 2GN. All enquirie tel: 01703 554801. TREISHERZ - On February
7th, Werner, aged 91, died
peacefully after a short
iliness. Beloved husband
of Irmgard, Inther of
Francis. Richard, Julian
and Timothy and
grandfather of eight.
Funeral Tuesday 9th
February at 3.30pm,
Southern Cemetery,
Manchester. Donations if
desired to Morris Manchester. Donauous a desired to Morris Feinmann Homes Trust, 178 Paistine Road, Manchester M20 8GA,

VEREY - Noeline, late of Budhridge, I.W. died pageefully on Friday, 5th Pebruary, aged 72 years. Funeral service to take place on Thursday, 11th February at St Georges Church, Arreton at 11 am. Donations if desired to the Earl Mountbatten Hospice, I.W. c/o William Half, Faneral Directors, Newchurch, Isle of Wight 01983 868688.

WALKER - Mavis, actress and dear sunt of Michael and Corinna, peacefully on 4th February, Service at 10.30am on Thursday 11th February at Mortiake restraty at sortake Cremstorium, Kew Mesdow Path, Townsmea Read, Richmend, Surrey. Flowers on Wednesday to Frederick W Paine, 61 Greyhound Read, Londor W6 8NH. Enquiries 0181 876 4824.

WILBERFORCE - Faith.
Suddenly in hospital on
February 5th aged 81.
Darling wife of Hugh, dear
mother of Tricis and
Kerry, grandmother of
Jemima and Holly. Funeral
at Penton Mewsey Church
on Monday February 15th
at 13 noon. Family flowers
only, donations instead to

Leicester (Doctor of Letters). TRADE; 0171 481 1982 FAX: 0171 481 9313

> WALLER - The Rt. Hon. Sir WALISI - The Rt. Hon. Sir George Stanley Waller O.B.E. retired Lord Justice of Appeal died peacefully aged 87 on 5th February 1999 at King Edward VII Hospital Midhurst. Loving and dearly loved husband of Peer broad father of and dearly loved husband of Peg; proud father of Tessa, Mark and Irvin; much loved Pops to his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all his family. Funeral service in Fernhurat Parish Church 11 am Thursdsy 11th February 1999. Family flowers only. Donations if Rowers only. Donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst or to the Barristers Benevolent. Enquiries to Lintotts Funeral Directors

MEMORIAL SERVICES C.F. Beckingham, FBA. A meeting to celebrate the memory of Professor C.F. Beckingham, Emeritus Professor of Islamic Professor of Islamic
Studies in the University
of London, will be held at
the School of Oriental and
African Studies.

beid at the Guards Lnape Wellington Barracks on Thursday, the 18th of March 1989 at 11 am. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets ld at the Guards Chapel and a car pass if required to The Regimental Adjutant Grenadier Guards, Wellington Barracka, Birdcags Walk, London SW1E 6HQ.

at 13 noon. Family flowers only, donations instead to Penton Mewsey PCC c/o Halcrow & Sons, 6a Bridge Street, Andover, SP10 1BH, tel: 01264 335235. CHEATEST IN LONDON PLA Chicago, Saiges. All pop & sport We deliver, 0171 930 8636 FIVE MATIONS Champ, Eng V Scot, Rogby World Cup, Cricket World Cup - All Grand Priz. All Major sporting events, theater Tel 0271 374 5263 CCs accepted

Arrican Studies, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG at 2:30 pm on Thursday 18th February 1999. tig. Store. THANKSGIVING Medicilian - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Douglas MacLellan will be held in Leicoster on Friday 26th February at 11 am in the Church of St James the Greater, on London Road. All friends and collaegues welcome. 3.5 Terrania a <del>Restrict</del> MANNERS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Charles John Robert Manners CBE, DL, 10th Duke of Rutland will be hald at the Carola Charle

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### **OBITUARIES**

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Dame Iris Murdoch, DBE, novelist and philosopher, died yesterday aged 79. She was born on July 15, 1919.

t had been his fate not to be interested in anything except everything," Iris Murdoch once wrote of one of her characters. In many ways this was her own fate, too. As a lecturer in philosophy and Fellow of St Anne's College, Oxford, she shied away from the narrower analytical studies which interested such contemporaries as A. J. Ayer, and turned her attention instead to the expansive, though unfash-ionable, discipline of metaphysics.

Lecturing and publishing in the field of moral philosophy, she engaged with the Post-Modernist Jacques Derrida and his flanking armies of deconstructionists. arguing that fact could not be separated from value. She sought to place moral inquiry back at the heart of philosophy, embarking with Casaubon-like fervour on her extensive study Metaphysics as a Guide to Morals (1992) which was greeted by some critics as a ramshackle collection of essays and by others as a grand philosophical synthesis.

As a novelist, Iris Murdoch was similarly broad in her outlook, taking the "dramas of the human heart" as her subject. Fiction, she said, was a "hall of reflection" which can encompass every form of tragedy and comedy. She used it to chart the progress of a metaphysical battle between evil and good, usually played out within the confines of a leisured upper-middle-class society. Dis-trusting the constricted focus of much modern fiction, she created large casts of characters so that her novels, at their worst, spun like an emotional merry-goround, while at their best they were persuasive and amusing commentaries on the contemporary world and the intricacies of human relationships.

She was energetically prolific, and her output seemed as much a show of stamina as of inspiration. Novels such as her 1978 Booker prizewinner The Sea, the Sea, or Nuns and Soldiers (1981), or The Philospher's Pupil (1983) expanded to more than 500 pages, as she painstakingly knitted their protracted and typically mysterious plots, slowly chewing over unfashionably long descriptions and quasi-philosophical themes. Yet, although some critics suggested that adroit editorial excision would have increased the impact of her work, there were others who acclaimed her as the most accomplished novelist in postwar Britain.

Murdoch's personal beliefs were as expansive and accommodating as her fiction. She did not believe in a personal God, she said, which is why she found Buddhism especially appealing. But the religious dimension was essential to her and she bewailed the lack of faith in the modern world.

A woman of immense practical kindness, she was soft-voiced and courteous, with a warm open manner and a large capacity for sympathetic listening, which in many ways she preferred to talking. She seemed rarely to be bored by anything, taking advantage of every encounter to find out as much as possible. There is never a moment," one of her friends once said, "when she would think"

God? Murdoch was a familiar figure on the literary scene, youthfully pink-cheeked and with a softly enigmatic smile, dressed in her donnish clothes: woolly jerseys and tweedy A-line skirts. Although there was a natural authority and decisiveness to ber conversation, her language was oddly peppered with old-fashioned schoolgirl jargon: "Hello, old thing" and "cheerio".

it inappropriate to ask: 'Do you believe in

Jean Iris Murdoch was very much a product of her benign and cultivated background. She was born in Dublin after the end of the First World War. during which her father had served as a cavalry officer. But he was a bookish, intellectual man who, on demobilisation, joined the Civil Service. Her mother was also a cultured woman, who had trained as an opera singer before her early marriage. Iris was the only child, brought up as part of what she famously described as a "perfect trinity of love".

up in suburban London, but she always felt herself to be at least partly Irish, and throughout her childhood the family would spend their summer holidays there. She was educated at the Froebel Educational Institute in London, and, from the age of 13, at a vaguely progressive school. Badminton, where she was a contemporary of Indira Gandhi.

From the age of nine she was brought

Iris Murdoch began writing at an early age, partly, she believed, as compensation for having no siblings to play with. "I'm the only child in search of the imaginary brother or sister. That is probably why I like to invent characters," she once said. Her first published work appeared in a school magazine in 1933. A comic poem about a girl with "bluebottle eyes and a sense of vocation" whose chief interest is fishing for stars in the Milky Way, it shows the vein of humour mixed with the philosophical solemnity which was to characterise her work.

In 1938 Murdoch won the Harriet Needham Exhibition to Somerville College, Oxford, where she read Mods and Greats. There she found herself mixing with such stimulating figures as Ray-mond Williams, Philip Larkin, Edward Heath, Denis Healey and Roy Jenkins. Politically she was, at that time, on the far Left, and when Roy Jenkins wrote her a modest letter on some matter of party business, she penned him an impassioned reply, addressing him as "Comrade

IRIS MURDOCH



Iris Murdoch at the creative peak of her career as a novelist, in the early 1970s

Jenkins". Her political preferences thereafter followed a well-trodden path. She moved to Gaitskellism in the 1950s, through the muddled attitudes of the Sixties, to moderate Conservatism in the 1970s and then to Thatcherism in the 1980s.

Graduating with a first in Greats, she left Oxford to work during the war years in the Treasury under the formidable Evelyn Sharp. From there she was seconded to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and was sent first to Belgium and then to Austria. where, in her job in a camp for displaced people, she proved most adaptable,

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whether operating the switchboard or negotiating narrow roads behind the wheel of a heavy lorry.

In all this time she scarcely read a book, exhausted by the strenuous work. But passing through Brussels on the way out she had got what she described as a heady whiff of philosophy. She had met Sartre and, although previously she had considered archaeology or art history as her calling, she became fascinated by Existentialism. In Brussels she came across a bookshop owner who had pressed L'Etre et le néant into her hands. "It was wonderful," Murdoch said. "People were liberated by that book after the war, it

made people happy, it was like the Gospel. I aving been chained up for years, you were suddenly free and could be yourself."

On her return to England she decided that she wanted to return to academic life and applied for and won a scholarship to pursue her studies in the United States. But as a former member of the Communist Party -- which she had briefly joined under the influence of a boyfriend. Frank Thompson, who was later killed in Bulgaria - she was refused a visa. The next year, 1947, she was awarded the Sarah Smithson Studentship in philosophy at Newnham College, Cambridge, and she studied there for a year before returning to Oxford as a tutor in philosophy and fellow of St Arme's. She was to hold this post for the next 15 years.

Her first book, Sanre: Romantic Rationalist (1953), reflected her youthful passion for Existentialism, though intellectually she was always to remain at a distance from Sartre, and he was later to become the subject of some of her most acute criticism. She found his view of lonely, self-determining man quite inaccurate, and her collection of essays The Sovereignty of Good (1970) showed a widening of her work into a general attack on analytic philosophy.

Plato, however - about whom she wrote in The Fire and the Sun (1977) was to remain her abiding interest, as she probed for a wider metaphysical system from which to answer the questions of philosophy.

However, as she was the first to admit - and her detractors were quick to point out - she was not a philosopher of true originality. "Unless one is a genius, philosophy is a mug's game," one of her fictional characters says. Only a genius, Murdoch maintained, could ever make a real contribution to the subject. At the age of 35 she turned her hand to writing

in her first novel. Under the Net (1954) - which was actually her fourth, since she discarded two and another did not find a publisher - she harked back to Existential themes as she traced the journey of a posse of rootless individuals traipsing round I ondon in search of their identities. But unlike Sartre's, her novels were not simply the lumbering vehicles for philosophical ideas. "I might put in things about philosophy because I happen to know about philosophy," she said.
"If I knew about sailing ships I would put in sailing ships."

Once she had begun to write, Murdoch scarcely seemed to pause, producing a new novel every year or so, with perhaps a break of half-an-hour between ending one and beginning the next. She began each with a period of "hard reflection" at the end of which every chapter would have been delineated and the characters moulded and given their names - usually improbable ones. At the end of the process, hefty shopping bags of manuscript would be presented to her publishers. Chano & Windus, where the boast was that never a word was changed. She professed herself impervious to reviews. 'A bad review," she used to say, "is even less important than whether it is raining in Patagonia."

Those who reproached her with publishing too much were perhaps missing the point: her project was one of imperfection. or imperfectibility even, as if the perfect like the good, about which she meditated so deeply — was fundamentally beyond human achievement. If for her every novel was a fresh attempt to attain her ideal, she found each time that her ideal had moved on. She was always alert to the dangers of complacency. "I'm in the second league," she said, "not among the gods like Jane Austen and Henry James and Toistoy."

Critics mostly felt that she was at the height of her powers in the 1960s and early 1970s, with works such as A Severed Head (1961), The Italian Girl (1964), A Fairly Honourable Defcat (1970), The Black Prince (1973) and The Sacred and Profane Love Machine (1974), Several of these were made into plays and films. The Severed Head, for instance, ran for nearly three years at the Criterion Theatre, and was made into a film starring Richard Attenborough. In 1978 she also published a collection of poems, A Year of Birds.

She received many honours in her life. She was appointed CBE in 1976 and advanced to DBE in 1987. She was six times shortlisted for the Booker Prize, and won it in 1978 with The Sea, the Sea.

In 1956 Iris Murdoch married John Bayley, later Warton Professor of English Literature and a fellow of St Catherine's College, Oxford. He looked out of his college window one day, he said, and seeing her cycling by knew at once that he would marry her. Together they lived a life of cosy intellectual companionship. haphazard domestic arrangements and bizarre culinary creations. It was reported by friends who had them to stay early in their married life that when taking up a pot of tea in the morning, they found Iris sitting bolt up in bed with her nose in Wittgenstein, while her husband lounged at her side perusing Woman's Own. They were to remain constant companions throughout their long marriage, and together were familiar figures in the literary world, both dressed from their favourite "good as new" shop. John Bayley cared for her with devotion and tenderness throughout her final years when Alzheimer's disease took an increasingly tenacious grip upon her once fine mind. He charted the cruel progress of the illness in his poignant and unflinchingly honest memoir Iris, published last year.

He survives her. There were no

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### ROBERT BARR

Robert Barr, BBC war correspondent and television on January 30 aged 89. He was born on December 22, 1909.

GOOD observation of both facts and feelings, the ability to write fast to a formula, and a taste for action made Robert Barr first a noted war correspondent and then a successful BBC producer. Later he became a freelance writer and producer, working particulary on series about the police and espionage.

Robert Barr was born in Glasgow and left school at 15 to train as a chemist. Soon. however, he had found himself a reporter's job with the Glasgow Bulletin, and by 19 he was already Editor of the Kilmarnock Herald.

Work in London followed. on the Daily Mirror and the Daily Mail, where he was writing features when war broke out. He had also submitted some radio plays to the BBC, and in 1939 his contacts there landed him the job he hoped for, working with the chief war correspondent, Richard Dimbleby. Initially he reported on the convoys plying

in the North Sea. By 1944 he was well enough established to be one of four journalists given an attachment to General Eisenhower's personal staff in Portsmouth. reporting on the build-up to the invasion of Europe. The day after D-Day he crossed the Channel in a destroyer. landing on Juno Beach and gathering material there for



some time before returning to base. A fortnight later, he was back near the French coast. with Churchill aboard HMS Kelvin, and he subsequently followed Eisenhower right up to his arrival in Paris in 1944. After the war, Barr became

a radio features producer, and after making a programme to advertise the delights of television, he moved into the new medium itself in 1946. He wrote the BBC's first-ever documentary, Germany Under Control, and the first full-length documentary, Report on Germany. These were among the first of many, but Barr also liked to work in the hybrid form of the drama-documentary, and one such programme, Medico - about medical services for ships at sea - won one of three Italia Prizes for the BBC in 1959 (another of them being for Samuel Beckett's radio play

During the 1960s Barr had a part in the creation of one of the landmark series in British television, Z Cars, of which he was executive producer. Cre-

ated by Troy Kennedy Martin and Elwyn Jones, Z Cars rtrayed dolice work in fictious Newtown not as the work of glamorous or leisured detectives, but as a tough job in a poor, working-class area. Within weeks it achieved viewing figures of 14 million which meant that a quarter of the British population was watching - and the series ran for 667 episodes, right up to

In the meantime, in 1966, another series about detective work - Softly Softly - was spun off from Z Cars, by the expedient of promoting Detective Inspector Barlow (played by Stratford Johns) to Chief inspector, and giving him a regional crime squad.

As well as scripts for these two series. Barr also wrote for Maigret. His work was sometimes criticised as mundane and lacking in real dramatic tension, but whether he was writing about a murder investigation or an outbreak of smallpox, it was always neatly constructed and conclusive.

Perhaps his best series was Spycatcher (1959), based on the memoirs of MI5's chief wartime interrogator, Colonel Oreste Pinto. Some of his television material was recycled in his novels The Dark Island and The Edge of the Forest. For Yorkshire Television he created a series about a local newspaper, Gazette, later better known as Hadleigh.

Robert Barr married Janet Connell in 1936. She died in 1996, but he is survived by their daughter.

#### Emergency proclamation today to save power

By David Wood, Political Editor

Acting for the Queen, who left London for a visit to South-East Asia yesterday, a Council of State will proclaim a state of emergency today to ensure the maintenance of essential supplies and services for the duration of the miners' strike.

Linked with this government move was an initiative by Mr Carr, Secretary of State for Employment, to meet the miners' leaders today to explore again the possibilities for a settlement. The decision to issue a royal proclama-

tion and take sweeping emergency powers was reached at a meeting of the Cabinet emergency committee yesterday morning. The Prime Minister is understood to have informed the Queen. Contrary to practice, the committee's decision to arm the Government with

contingency powers was informally

made known before the Privy Council

### ON THIS DAY

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February 9, 1972

The miners' strike — over pay — began on January 9, causing black-outs and a three-day week. On February 25 the miners voted 2-1 for a deal put forward by the Wilberforce inquiry.

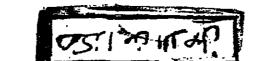
could meet today. The explanation is that the Government had to go into a Commons debate yesterday on an opposition motion condemning the Government's handling of the strike, and senior ministers felt the only frank course was to announce their intention. Otherwise, Mr Wilson and the Opposition would have had a genuine grievance.

It had been clear since the Cabinet emergency committee met last Thursday that a move towards an emergency

would be made this week. The Government did not want to seem to be acting provocatively, but there were warnings that had to be heeded from the power industries that stocks of coal were falling. Senior ministers could not delay in protecting essential services and supplies. Nevertheless, the sweeping powers taken under a royal proclamation will be

sensitively and sparingly used. There is no present intention, for instance, of bringing in the Armed Forces to maintain essential services, although the emergency regulations will provide that power. For the present, the Government will be content to control floodlighting and display lighting and other uses of power not regarded as essential.

Beyond that, Mr Davies, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will be mainly responsible for bringing forward orders that prove to be necessary if the miners' strike is prolonged. The Privy Council will today tender advice to the Council of State, acting for the Queen. The proclamation will then he made, and Mr Maudling, Home Secretary, will report it to the Commons,



### **Queen's Bench Divisional Court**

### Law Report February 9 1999

Don King Productions Inc v

Before Lord Justice Morritt. Lord

Justice Aldous and Lord Justice

A partnership agreement to assign

nership, which was ineffective be-

al services and contained terms ex-

pressly forbidding assignment,

constituted each partner a trustee of the non-assignable contracts for

The benefit to which the partner

ship was entitled did not terminate

on or hy reason of the dissolution

of the partnership but continued

until the contract expired or was properly disposed of in the wind-

ng up of the partnership's affairs. The Court of Appeal so stated

dismissing an appeal by the first defendant, Frank Warren; the sec-

ond defendant. Christopher Rob-erts; and the fourth defendant,

Sports Network USA Inc. from the decision of Mr Justice Lightman

(The Times April 13, 1998; [1998] 2

All ER 608) whereby he deter

sues in an action brought between

the plaintiff, Don King Produc

tions Inc and, among others, the

the benefit of the partnership.

Warren and Others

[Judgment December 21]

### **Court of Appeal**

### **Specifying address for council**

Hall v Kingston upon Hull City Council Ireland v Birmingham City Council

Baker v Birmingham City

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Mitchell

Dudement January 141 A local authority could specify through a person other than its sec-retary or clerk an alternative address at which it could be served with a notice under section 82(6) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 of intention to bring proceed-

ings in respect of a statutory nui-

sance under section 79(1) of the

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when allowing appeals by way of case stated by Susan Hall against the decisions of Kingston upon Huli Justices on May 7, 1998 and by Margaret Ireland and Elizabeth Baker against the decisions of Birmingham Justices on June 9 and August 13, 1998 respectively. that letters in the cases of Hall and Ireland and Raker, sent by officers of the respondents' housing department to the appellants did not provide an alternative address at

which the respondent would accept

Mr Michael Supperstone, QC and Mr Michael Singleton for Hall and Ireland: Mr Michael Sup-Knafler for Baker. Mr James Findlay for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE MITCHELL said that the appellants complained to the respondent that the premises of which they were tenants to the respondents, were in a state which constituted a statutory nuisance un-der section 79(IIIa) of the 1990 Act.

the housing department of the respondent council wrote to the apnellants stating that all correspondtion \$2 of the 1990 Act of summary proceedings under section 79(1)(a) of the 1990 Acr. which were required as a pre-requisite to bringing proceedings, should be sent to the council technical services man-

ager and housing department.
The terms and conditions of Baker and Ireland's tenancy stated that all statutory nuisances had to be reported to the housing team. The appellants accordingly sent notices under section \$2(6) of the 1990 Act to bring proceedings to the al-ternative addresses specified. which were not the registered or principle addresses of the respond-

lants alleging nuisance under sec-tion 79(1)(a) of the 1990 Act were dis-

Informations laid by the appel-

missed by the magistrates on the grounds that service of the section \$2(6) notices had been to the wrong address and therefore invalid.

His Lordship said that section 160(4) of the 1990 Act provided that the proper address of a body corporate, its secretary or clerk at which it was to be served with a notice was the registered or principal of fice address of the body. Section 160(3)(a) of the 1990 Act

provided that service of a notice on a body corporate could be achieved by service on its secretary or clerk. However, section 160(5) of the 1990 Act provided that the person to be served or given the notice could specify an address other

than his proper address as one at which he would accept notices. There was no reason to interpret section 160(5) as confining, on the basis of section 160(3), the category of persons who could specify an alternative address in the case of a body corporate to the secretary or clerk, who were simply vehicles by which the person to be served

could be served. Section 82(4) provided that the person to be served for the purposes of the Act was the person responsible for the nuisance, in this case the landlord local authorities, or the owner of the premises. Under section 160(5) it was the lo-

specify. The Act did not identify the class of persons who could on behalf of a body corporate, specify for the purposes of section 160(5), and it did not matter that the precise communicator who specified could not be identified or was not a secre-

tary or clerk of the body corporate The rationale of the section 82 procedure was that it should be operable by ordinary people who might be unsophisticated, inarticulate or without legal advice, providing them with a speedy and effec-tive remedy from a nuisance which might have an adverse effect upon their health or that of their chil-

Parliament's intention, in the absence of compelling statutory lan-guage, should not be frustrated by introducing into that straightforward and swift statutory remedy any technical obstacle of which the ordinary citizen would almost certainly be unaware.

Accordingly, the appeals would be allowed as the section 82(6) notices were properly served at a specified alternative address and the cases would be remitted to the magistrates courts for rehearing.

Lord Justice Rose agreed. Solicitors: Sydney Mitchell, Bir-mingham; Sydney Mitchell, Birmingham; Mr Richard Deith. Kingston upon Hull and Mr Stew-

Mr Warren was a manager and promoter of professional boxers primarily in the United Kingdom. Mr Don King was a promoter, but not a manager, of professional box-ers primarily in the United States of America. In September 1994 Mr Warren and Mr King, through their companies, entered into a professional boxing in Europe.

The terms of the partnership were contained first, in an agree-ment dated September 16, 1994 and, second, in an agreement dated April 25, 1995 which superseded the first agreement

Following the dissolution of the partnership questions arose, how in the winding up of the partner-ship, contracts for the management or promotion of professiona boxers made between them and Mr Warren, Mr King and their respective companies should be ap-The judge declared that the en-

tire benefit of such contracts, including any renewals concluded before the completion of the winding up of the partnership's affairs, was held by Mr Warren and Mr King and their respective companies or trust for the partnership. Mr Alan Steinfeld, QC and Mr Hugh Tomlinson for the first, sec-

said that Mr Steinfeld contended

ond and fourth defendants: Mr Michael Briggs QC, Mr Nicholas Le Poidevin and Mr Douglas Close

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT

first, that the benefit of the management and promotion contracts was not "property" within the meaning of that word as used in the Partnership Act 1890.

Each partner becomes a trustee

Second, he argued that even if the benefit of such contracts was "property" within the meaning of the 1890 Act, because of their nature they could not be "brought into the partnership stock" or "acas to become partnership property for the purposes of section 20 of the

Third, he argued that the judge's construction of the first and second partnership agreements was wholly uncommercial and inconsistent with the words used.

Fourth, he submitted that, even if his first three submissions were rejected, management and promo-tion contracts concluded by either partner in the period between the lissolution and the completion of the winding up of the partnership with a boxer with whom there was such a contract at the date of the dissolution were not partnership

His Lordship did not accept Mr Steinfeld's first submission. With regard to Nokes v Donosster Amaigamated Collieries Ltd (1940) AC 1014), and the speech of Viscount Simon. Lord Chancellor, on which he relied; the speeches of Lord Atkin with whom Lord Thankerton agreed, and Lord Porter both

were based on the proposition that the definition of "property" in the Companies Act 1929 was confined to property which was transferable by the parties.

As the employment contract in question was not so transferable it did not come within the definition. Thus, in Nokes, the meaning of the word "property" was limited by its context. The House of Lords did not decide that the ordinary meaning of the word was limited.

Further, it was plain that proper ty which was not assignable might. nevertheless, be partnership property: see Ambler v Bolton ((1872) LR 14 Eq 427) and Pathirana v Pathirana ([1967] AC 233).

His Lordship rejected Mr Stein-feld's second submission for similar reasons. The question whether. in the terms of section 20 of the 1890 Act an asset was "brought into partnership stock or acquired .. on account of the firm ... or for the purposes and in the course of partnership business" did not depend on whether it was assignable at law. In both Ambler and Pathirana the asset was inaliena-

As for Mr Steinfeld's third submission, the question, in his Lordship's view, was whether on the contruction of the first and second agreements the management and promotion contracts became part of the partnership property be-cause they were (i) "originally

the agreement of the partners, or (ii) were subsequently "acquired. by purchase or otherwise, on account of the firm or for the purposes of the firm and in the course of 2 partnership business". His Lordship agreed with the

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(a) at the time of the dissolution of the partnership the entire benefit of such of the management or promotion agreements with a European registered boxer concluded either Mr Warren or Don King Productions since September 16. 1994 as were then still in force was

held by that partner on trust for the partnership: (b) the benefit to which the partnership was so entitled did not terminate on or by reason of such distime as the contract expired or was properly disposed of in the windng up of the partnership's affairs:

(c) subject to the judge's proviso the entire benefit of all management or promotion agreements concluded by a partner after the date of the dissolution but before the conclusion of the winding up of the partnership's affairs with a box er with whom such partner had such an agreement at the date of trust for the partnership.

Lord Justice Aldous and Lord Justice Hutchison agreed. Solicitors: Dibb Lupton Alsopa

### No tax exemption after mortgage transfer

West (Inspector of Taxes) v O'Neill Same v Crossland

Before Mr Justice Lindsay Dudement January 221

Employees of building societies who received concessionary rates of interest on their mortgages at not become entitled to income tax exemption under section 161(1A) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 on those beneficial loans when subsequently they opted to transfer to a fixed rate scheme also available to the general public.

Mr Justice Lindsay so held in a reserved judgment upholding the Crown's income tax appeal brought by way of case stated from determinations of general commissioners for North East Wiltshire that were in favour of two employees of the Nationwide Building Society. David John O'Neill and Kevin Gerard Crossland.

Section 160 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 provides for "Beneficial loan arrangements", imposing a charge on an employee of "an amount equal to whatsoever is the cash equivalent

of the benefit of the loan" obtained

from the charge if comparable icans were available, at the time the general public.

the Crown: Mr David Milne, QC and Mr R. Vallat for the taxpayers.

MR JUSTICE LINDSAY said that the facts were not in dispute. The taxpayers were both employed by the Nationwide Building Society. In 1993 they had received loans from Nationwide secured on their homes at a concessionary rate of in-£30,000 of each loan. Section 160 of the 1988 Act applied to the loans.

In January 1994 the taxpayers switched their mortgages into a two-year fixed rate scheme with interest fixed at 5.5 per cent, a rate that was also then available to the general public. There was no repay-ment of the existing loans but the taxpayers agreed terms that had

not previously been in force. They appealed to the commissioners in respect of assessments to Schedule E income tax for 1994-95

Section 161(1A) of the 1988 Act. inserted by section 88 of the Finance Act 1994, provides an exemption the loan in question was made" to

Mr Christopher Tidmarsh for

that included a charge under section 160 arising from the beneficial loans from Nationwide.

The commissioners decided that the change by each of the taxpayers from one product of the Nationwide to another product amounted to a new loan and that the new new loan took effect and that the exempting provisions of section 161(IA) of the Act were accordingly

It was implicit in the Crown's argument that if it was right to regard the loan to the taxpoyers as having been made at the time of the switch to the 5.5 per cent fixed rate scheme then the section Ibi(IA) exemption applied. But, Mr Tidmarsh said. the

loans were made when, and only

when the sums were advanced in 1993 and, properly regarded, they did not satisfy the conditions of the Thus the crucial issue was to establish when, for section 161(1A) purposes, the loans were made.

new contract of loan when the

switch took place. The switch repre-

Was it when they were first made or, alternatively, at the date of the Mr Milne said that there was a

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sented a new loan. Where there was a new deal there was a new

Alternatively, he argued, even if any change in the agreed terms did not lead to a new loan, at least that had to be the case when the changes were so fundamental as in this case: a change from varying to fixed rate of interest. Third, it was said by Mr Milne,

that even if the Crown's interpretation was the more natural reading of the provision it was absurd and manifestly unjust and should be re-Those arguments were unacceptable. For section I6I(IA) purposes.

at least in the case of comparatively simple loans, a loan was made only when first made and its principal advanced. That was the natural construction of the provision. A loan could not be said to be made on evidence

of a switch such as in the instant case which was merely a variation of the terms of the existing loan. There was no evidence that new ioans were made and the taxpayers were not entitled to the exemp-

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Mr Steve Hamilton.

### Power to allow disqualified director to act

Shuttleworth v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-

Judgment January 27

On an application under section 17 of the Directors Disqualification Act 1986 for leave to act as a director during the currency of a disqualification, the discretion of the court was unfettered.

The fact that the applicant's need was personal and not a business interest was no reason to shackle the court's discretion by the creation of conditions not in the legislation where, on the facts, the balance between the importance of protecting the public from the conduct which led to the disqualification and the need that the applicant should be able to act as a director of a particular company, was in favour of granting leave.

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division granting leave pursuant to section 17 of the 1986 Act for the applicant. Hugh Ashton John Shuttleworth, to act as a director of Maxmail, an unlimited liability compa-

On February 4, 1997 the Vice-Chancellor had made an order under section 6 of the 1986 Act disqualifying Mr Shuttleworth from acting as a company director withou the leave of the court for a period of five years.

Mr Orlando Fraser for the applicant: Ms Sarah Harman for the Secretary of State for Trade and In-

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said the application raised again the question of the court's ap-proach to section 17 and whether it was essential to demonstrate need, whether of the applicant or the company. The reasons for the disqualification order were therefore

of the greatest importance. There had been no suggestion during the disqualification proceedings that the applicant had acted dishonestly or with want of any

probity and all the creditors had all been paid in full. His Lordship referred to a

number of cases concerning the question of need for the purposes of section 17, inter alia: In re Gibson Davies Ltd ([1995] BCC 11). In re Amaron Ltd ([1998] BCC 264). Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Barnett (1998) 2 BCLC 64) and In re Barings plc (The Times October 10, 1998).

The importance of protecting the public from the sort of conduct which led to a disqualification order being made against a director had to be balanced against the need for the applicant to be able to act as a director of a particular company. The factors to be taken into account were not to be limited so as to exclude a personal non-business purpose of the applicant.

Parliament had given the court an unfettered discretion and it was not for the court to limit the ambit of that discretion.

Solicitors: Titmuss Sainer Dechert: Treasury Solicitor.

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### Rodney Hobson on progress in matching Britain's investors and entrepreneurs

## UK network for funding angels takes wing today

A NON-PROFITMAKING organi-sation that aims to double the business angels sector over the next five years is launched today.

It is backed by the Department of Trade and Industry, the Corporation of London, five big banks and leading firms of accountants and

National Business Angels Network (NABN) is taking over the existing network of 850 registered investors and 200 investment opportunities on the books of the Local Investment Networking Company. NatWest Bank is also integrating its own angels introductory service into the new organisation. Other UK business angels networks will be invited to discuss how to expand

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Robert Drummond, a former venture capitalist who is chief exec-utive of NABN, says: "It is my be-lief that the activity of business an-gels in the UK has been held back by fragmentation and a lack of understanding, so we want to make the process simple and low-cost. I see no reason why we should not raise the number of business angels in the UK to the level of that in the US where there are two and a half times as many per head of population.'

Michael Snyder, senior partner in Kingston Smith, the accountancy firm, and NABN chairman, says: "Our role will be to create an open environment in which the movement can flourish, and an increasing number of business angels and the growth companies that need them can be brought together.

"As a non-profitmaking organisation, we are non-partisan. It is not our intention to compete with other business angels organisations but to act as a catalyst and a clearing house, bringing investors and companies together through a simple-to-use introduction service and leaving others to advise on the complea single point of entry through which all potential investors and companies seeking funds can plug into the business angels infrastruc-

ture throughout the country."

Apart from NatWest, the bank sponsors are Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds TSB and the Royal Bank of Scotland. Reynolds Porter Chamberlain, solicitors, and Kingston Smith are also giving their support. Business angels are wealthy indi-

viduals willing to invest in growing firms. They are often self-made, with entrepreneurial backgrounds, and are usually over 45. Only I per cent are female. Usually they will invest between £10,000 and £50,000 and they are likely to want some say in the company they are backing. More than one angel may back a particular investment and it is estimated that a third of deals involve a total of more than £100,000. Angels tend to avoid the spot-

light, so estimates of the size of the market are mainly guesswork. There could be about 18,000 angels actively seeking investments and ready to put up to £500 million a year in about 3,500 businesses.

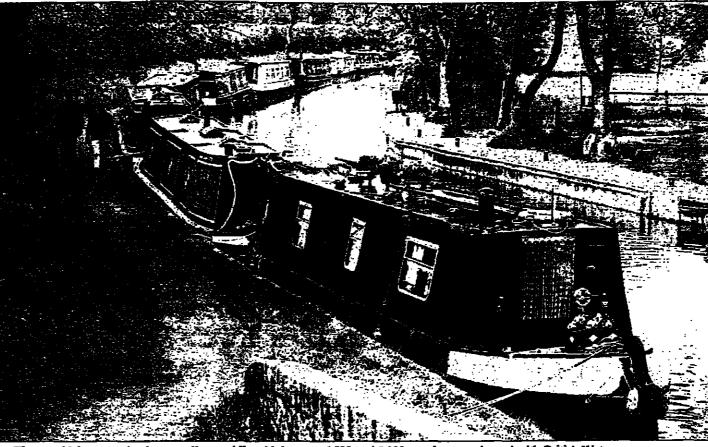
They are a crucial source of funding for start-ups and growing comnies that are too small to attract funds from venture capitalists.

Angels and businesses seeking

equity finance will join the new network by filling in a simple application form. The annual fee is £100 plus VAT for businesses and £85 plus VAT for angels. Businesses that are accepted will be put on the network website and be included in a publication for six months.

NABN is at 40-42 Cannon Street. London EC4N 6JJ. Its information pack hotline is 0171-329 4141,





### Backer helps push the boats out

THE fifth company to benefit from the Weish Development Agency's Xenos scheme is Fibreline Boats. of Brynmawr, South Wales. A business angel put in £75.000.

Fibreline makes narrow boats for the growing canal leisure mar-ket. They look like traditional narrow boats, but are made of glassreinforced plastic, which has for

ial for vachts. Weighing less than eight tonnes, the boats will be lighter. stronger, easier to handle and easier to repair than conventional steelplate vessels. Their propulsion system has been designed to do less harm to canal banks and the lighter boats use less fuel and cause less damage in a collision. With backing from Lloyds TSB and Blaenau Gwent County Bor-

ough Council, Fibreline produced prototype and pre-production models at its factory on the Barleyfield Industrial Estate at Brynmawr. In-terior fittings included kitchens, bedrooms, shower rooms and

A presentation to a group of po-

tential investors at Swansea brought financial backing from

the potential of a further 2,200 miles becoming available. It is estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 new canal boats are registered with British Waterways eve-

only contemplate a steel boat, there are a growing number of people who want glassreinforced fibre ones. In the past,

the 45ft-long boats will start soon

and Fibreline expects to employ 20

people when it is fully operational. The company is aiming its prod-

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again. There are 3,000 miles of nav

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technical difficulties have limited the length of boats to under 32ft, but there are now a lot of canal users who want a longer leisure craft with its increased facilities."

### **Program** lets small firms fight 2000 bug

By Manus Costello

A COMPLITER software program to help small firms to see whether their computers will crash at the start of 2000 has been developed by an international company based at Fareham, Hampshire. The program was initially used by big corp-

orations, such as Glaxo Wellcome. The Check 2000 Small Business Edition launched by Greenwich Mean Time will locate any problems in the five layers of a computer system and show a user how to fix them. Users put the disk in the PC, and instructions will take them through levels with a problem. The small business version costs £29.95.

Action 2000, the government advisory body, spoke to more than 3,000 businesses and found that, at the end of last year, more than half of firms with between 10 and 250 staff and 76 per cent of those with fewer than ten workers had taken no action on the millennium bug. Karl Feilder, GMT chief executive and an adviser to the Government on PC millennium bug issues, says the findings were worrying. Our research showed that of 4,000 commonly used PC software programs, more than 64 per cent had

fected by dates at the end of this century and into the next," he said.

Action 2000 is to list bug-busting products on its website later this year; it already offers a guide to how software may be affected.

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Action 2000's action line is 0845-601 2000. GMT is on 01243 787468.



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### Welsh Xenos scheme gets £20m

THE Welsh Development Agency has recruited 70 business angels with £20 million to invest to support its Xenos scheme.

The WDA is now working to link them with a database of 120 companies seeking investment. Four deals worth a total of nearly £500,000 have already been completed.

Xenos - Greek for stranger was launched in Cardiff in September 1997 as a partnership between the WDA, the Welsh Office, Business Connect (the Welsh equivalent of Business Links) and CBI Wales, with support from the European Regional Development Fund.

The small business sector is seen as particularly important to the Welsh economy. Despite regeneration over the past ten years. Wales still has a gross domestic product that is 17 per cent below the UK average, low wage levels and low average household income.

A report by CBI Wales showed a reluctance by large investors to lend relatively small sums to firms

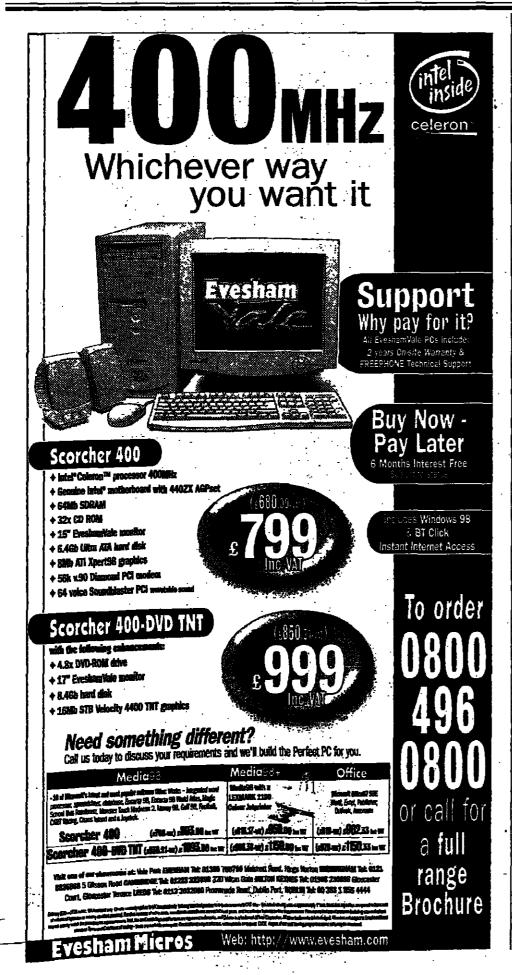
with no track record. Xenos aims to plug the equity gap by funding ventures requiring up to £200,000.

The Xenos network manager is Ray Hurcombe, a chartered certified accountant and formerly an investment manager for a small investor in South Wales. He is also a former director of Innovation Wales and Rhondda Development Agency.

A network of Xenos co-ordinators is based at Bangor, Newtown, Car-marthen and Cardiff.

Victor Parkin, Fibreline's chairman, said: The market has changed considerably over the past ten years. As well as the die-hard traditionalists who would

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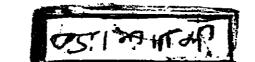
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Number two: Deon Burton leaps high to score the winning goal for Derby against Everton at Pride Park on Sunday. Photograph by Shaun Botterill, Allsport

# £1,000 bonanza in store for next weekly winner

AXA-sponsored FA Cup takes precedence over FA Carling Premiership fixtures, so. with only three games scheduled to be played affecting the Times Fantasy League lists (last night's Charlton v Wimbledon game, and next Saturday's Charlton-Liverpool and West Ham-Nottingham Forest matches), there will be no award of a £500 weekly prize for the period

The player lists will. however, be updated to include points earned and lost by players taking part in those three games, and the prize money will be "rolled over", so that the weekly winner announced on these pages in a fortnight will receive a double prize of £1.000 plus £100 worth of Puma sports

Today we publish two more ON-Target numbers. Check your team total against the player lists (right). If the total matches either of the ON-Target numbers (7 or 14), follow the instructions to find out if you have won the £500 prize. Even if your team total is some way short of the 37 scored by our winner this week, you could still equal his

winnings. Next week, we will publish the name of the winner of this week's ON-Target competition. There will not, however, be any new ON-Target numbers. Instead, as in the case of the weekly prize for the top team, the week's ON-Target

prize money will be "rolled over", so

that the winner the following week

will receive a double prize of £1,000. ■ If you have Nottingham Forest defenders in your team, prepare to shed them now. The biggest home defeat in the seven-year history of the Premier League (a record that Sheffield Wednesday, 7-1 losers at home to - of all teams - Nottingham Forest in 1995, will be relieved to have given up) leaves Dave Beasant and company with some pretty

Scores of minus seven each for

Beasant and Jon Olav Hielde were as had as things are likely to get in

one single match, but the state of the Forest side in general does not bode well for the remainder of a difficult Although Alan Rogers saved some of his reputation (and three points) with a goal - and that, don't forget, was the equaliser — it cannot

disguise the deficiencies in Ron Atkinson's back division. Indeed, the score in the game could have been more than 8-1; some estimated that 14-4 would have been a fairer reflection of play.

That may give some consolation to any Fantasy League entrant with Steve Stone, Jean-Claude Darchville or even Pierre Van Hooijdonk in their selections, but it may be that

\$ £500 weekly On-Target prize

Manchester United had largely stopped bothering about marking preferring the view that attack was.

Beasant's season score now stands at minus 21, with Hjelde only four better off. Steve Chettle, who, mercifully, missed Saturday's drubbing, has a score of minus 11, level with Sasa Ilic, the only player in the Fantasy League lists from a team other than Forest to have reached double minus figures. For the price of a Dave Beasant, you could sign Pavel Smicek of Sheffield Wednesday (nine points) and have something left over, while trading Hjelde in would bring in enough to buy you Jacob Laursen (13 points) or

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### As I was saying

With France, the world champions, in town tomorrow to play England, I was fantasising about an all-French Fantasy League

Interesting, but difficult: after all, most of the French players in the Premiership play for two clubs, and you сал only pick one player from Arsenal and one from

That's right, of course, and old Guivarc'h has gone to

Oh yes, I was forgetting him. But of course he's a forward, and France won the World Cup without using any of them. Well, what about French-speaking, then? That'll give me the pick of Belgians and Francophone

Stephane Henchoz of Blackburn, and that's about it, as far as I can see. In that case, what about Camerounians and Moroccans? That'll give us Rigobert Song of Liverpool, the lad Foe at West Ham, and Hassan Kachloul down at Southampton. What about a World Cup

Still not enough for a team. memorial XI? Yes, then you could have Solskjaer in. He played for Norway, didn't he? Yes, but you might want a Manchester United player from another country. Which is odd, because ! always thought that, with a name like Gunnar, he'd be a natural to play for Arsenal. But Ricky Villa never played in Birmingham, and I don't notice Big Ron signing Craig Forrest

And Trevor Cherry never played for Bournemouth. Point taken. Anyway, my Arsenal player will be David Seaman — the last of the great English goalkeepers. We used to have so many, and now all the Premiership clubs have European goalkeepers. Isn't England in Europe

You know what I mean. And I think I'll have Slaven Bilic. He's not even an Everton regular, is he? Yes, but if not for his ridiculous piece of play-acting that got Blanc sent off in the semi-final, Frank Leboeuf would never have played against Brazil. In that case, you might as

well pick "a mystery ailment". Come again? The mystery ailment that struck down Ronaldo the night before the final. Otherwise, Lebocuf would have been marking the real McCoy. And then we probably wouldn't have had to listen to all these French players going on and on bout how they won the

World Cup in the first place.

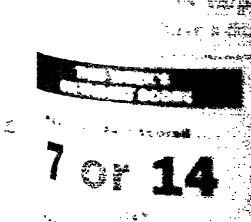
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# Glory of Solskjaer's late quartet

The weekly £500 prize-winner did not even need Ole Gunnar's 12 points over the weekend — but his team-mate helped out

he headlines were predictable, and the headline-writers did not disappoint. There they all were: Gunnar's a Stunnar, Top Gunnar, and, least unexpected of all, Olé, Olé, Olé - culturally confusing where a Norwegian is concerned, maybe, but each "Ole" saluting one of the four goals scored by Ole Gunnar Solskjaer against Nottingham Forest on Saturday. His contribution during only 20

minutes on the pitch rewrote the definition of the term "super-sub". but before Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, elected to bring the Norway international onto the field at the City Ground, Dwight Yorke, the man he replaced, was on course to the the Times Fantasy League's top points-scorer of the week, thanks to his brace against Forest and his winner against Derby County in midweek. But four goals, worth 12 points, in little over ten minutes, put

Solskjaer on top. Admittedly, the goals were scored against a tiring and punch-drunk Forest defence, surely one of the feeblest rearguards ever to have appeared in the Premiership, and at least two of them hardly stretched the capacities of the league's most prolific substitute. But they all count, in Fantasy League as in the real

Solskjaer's 32 goals in 42 matches for Molde attracted the attention of Ferguson, who signed a player who immediately caused as much consternation for commentators as defenders, especially when Barry Davies of the BBC came up with the idiosyncratic but, he claims, authentic, "Sol-shirer" pronunciation that he alone seems to favour. ( ) The other appellation that has stuck is "The baby-faced assassin". although whether you would really want to see that squinting at you out of a pram is debatable. Nevertheless, 15 goals in a season when he has started only six games

is largely unanswerable. Even so, it was Yorke's contribution that won the £500 weekly prize for Anthony Simpson, of Shanklin, Isle Of Wight, His team, Raffles' Gems (named after his dog) benefited from a total of 17 points from Yorke and Paul Scholes. two players from one of two teams Mr Simpson supports — the other being bottom-of-the-league Scarborough, from where he moved to the island some 20 years ago. As he said. You couldn't get two teams further apart in league position."

News of the win came as a pleasant surprise to Mr Simpson, a chef, whose recipe for success has been short of an ingredient or two at



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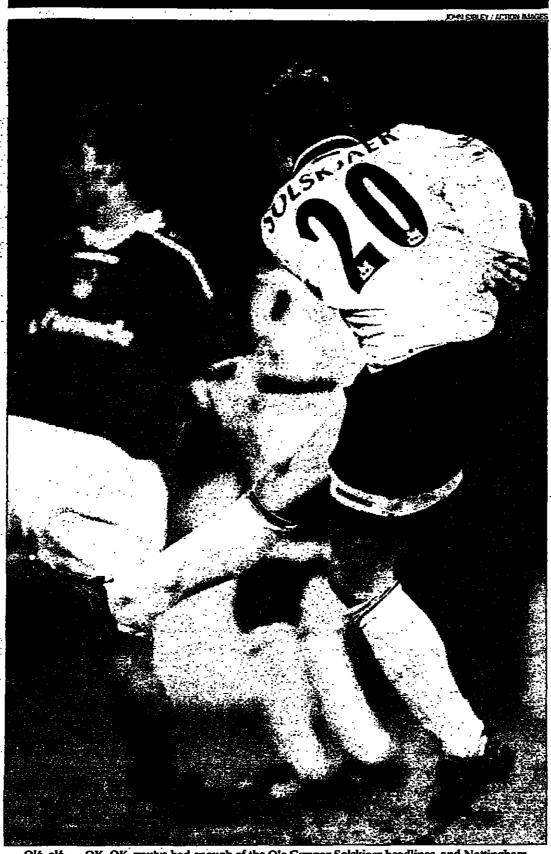
have proved that it had the potential to be a tasty combination.

"Scholes, I thought, would be a regular after the way he played last season, but it hasn't worked out that way. Wanchope is always likely to score a few goals, but he's been injured." Wanchope did not manage a goal, but was credited with assists for both of Deon Burton's goals against Everton on Sunday.

The choice of Yorke was a simple one, especially when transfer talk linked the player with Old Trafford while the team was being selected, but even players who might have been regarded as liabilities at one time proved their worth last week. lan Walker, who has reclaimed

his place at Tottenham, came up with a clean sheet to earn three more valuable points. "They (Tottenham) haven't had a real first-choice goalkeeper, so I thought he'd have a chance," Mr Simpson said. The restriction on the number of players per club that can be selected is an inconvenience to some. but Mr Simpson saw it as a challenge. "I like the idea," he said. "It makes it harder, but it gives you more to do."Dwight Yorke going to United helped ...

**FANTASY PLAYER OF THE WEEK** 



Olé, olé . . . OK, OK, you've had enough of the Ole Gunnar Solskjaer headlines, and Nottingham Forest will certainly have had enough of him. Just as well: after his four goals at the City Ground on Saturday, the chances of his visiting in a league game next season have become even more remote

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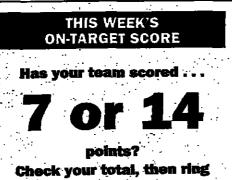
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PERHAPS the most nerveracking moment of the weekend for a manager in The Times Fantasy League comes just before the kick-off, in the form of team news. Knowing that you're down to ten men even before a ball is kicked because your star midfielder has been 'rested' does nothing for the morale of the team.

Managers owning the likes of Beckham and Scholes will have heard this dreaded word several times over the past few weeks. It seems that being two of the top Fantasy League midfielders still does not guarantee you a starting place in Alex Ferguson's midfield. In fact, Scholes has started only 15 games so far, but even so finds himself top of the heap in terms of Fantasy League points scored. Similarly, super-sub

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has started just six Premiership games, but has accumulated 30 Fantasy League points currently the tenth highest tally for a striker in the competition and even more than Dennis Bergkamp. Alex Ferguson has promised the Norwegian more starts in future, but managers with Yorke and Cole should not worry too much about their

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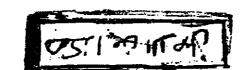
Manchester United · defenders have also been victims of a rotational policy. with Gary Neville. Ronnie Johnsen and Denis Irwin all having stints on the sidelines to let Wes Brown, Henning Berg and Phil Neville have a run out. In fact, Chelsea's rotational strategy has been put in the shade by comparison.

in contrast. Arsenai's firstchoice XI can be agreed on by all and sundry, thus ensuring that Fantasy League managers

know exactly where they stand. As European fixtures and the latter stages of domestic cup competitions loom on the horizon, you can be sure that the respective rotational strategies among the major Premiership contenders will continue, causing yet more infuriation to Fantasy League managers all over the nation. **MATT SIMS** 



Wes Brown: rotation benefit



#### NEWS

#### Leaders unite to honour Hussein

In death as in life. King Hussein of Jordan acted as a bridgebuilder as his funeral brought together sworn enemies who united in paying homage to one of the great peacemakers of the 20th century.

The outcome of the open and secret exchanges between about 50 heads of state and government will only become clear in the coming weeks and months..... ... Pages 1-3

#### Tributes flow as Iris Murdoch dies

Tributes poured in last night for Iris Murdoch, who died yesterday afternoon after a long struggle against Alzheimer's disease. After entering a nursing home a fortnight ago, she had lost the will to eat and drink. Her husband, John Bayley, was at her side when she died. Dame Iris. 79, won the Booker Prize for The Sea, The Sea... ...Pages 1, 5

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A teacher who forced a 14-yearold boy to lie bare-chested on drawing pins after getting his homework wrong was jailed for six weeks... ...Page 9

#### Lords team named

Two leading trade union figures. a former Tory minister and a bishop have been named as members of the royal commission which will decide the shape and functions of the second House of Par-

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Laurent Fabius, the former French Prime Minister, will today be tried for manslaughter for his role in the blood scandal that spread Aids to more than 4,000

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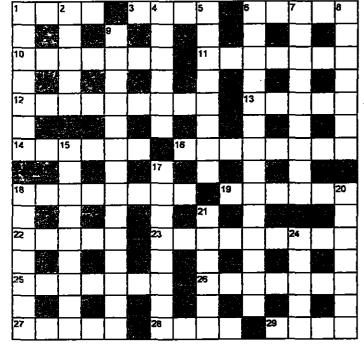
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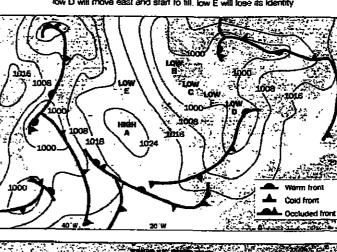
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Factory prices increase pressure for further cuts in interest rate

# No respite for manufacturing

By SAEED SHAH

MANUFACTURING output crashed in December, with factory gate prices falls re-corded for the first time, confirming that the sector is mired in recession and piling on the pressure for further interest rate cuts in the coming months.

In December manufacturing output, which excludes oil and utilities, fell by 0.6 per cent compared with the previous month, far more than the 0.2 per cent expected by the

worst run since the 13 months of successive falls that ended in January 1981.

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Caroline Gorman, of 4Cast, the economic consultancy. said: "It really underlines the fact that manufacturing was up the creek without a paddle in December." In the last quarter of 1998

vious three months and 0.6 per cent down on the fourth quarter of 1997 A revised figure was also released yesterday for the prices

manufacturing output was

down 1.3 per cent from the pre-

of goods leaving factory gates in December, which showed a 0.1 per cent fall from a year earlier, the first annual drop since records began in 1958. Douglas McWilliams, of the

Centre for Economics and Business Research, said industry was severely hit by overstocking at the end of last year. Professor McWilliams said that growth would cominue to be affected by over-stocking in 1999 and this would shave I per cent off GDP this year. He predicts GDP growth of just 0.3 per cent this year, with interest rates falling to 4 per

cent by the end of 1999. "There is no sign of inflation," he said. adding that he expected this view to be reinforced by the the Bank of England's Infla-tion Report, which is due to-

The last two quarters of contracting manufacturing output in 1998 mean that, for the first time, the sector can be said to be technically in recession. Richard Iley, an economist at ABN Amro, said that although there would be further monthly drops to come, he expected a recovery in the second half of this year as the boost from interest rate cuts feeds into the economy and stocks are run down. Sales figures released by the

British Retail Consortium (BRC) today show that the to-tal value of sales in shops jumped 5 per cent in January, compared with last year. This was a steep rise from

an average of 2.3 per cent sales growth in the previous three months, as heavy discounting in January enticed people back to the shops.

However, the BRC gave warning that it is too early to say the retail sector has turned

changed, gaining 0.01p to close at 68.89p. the corner. Pamela Webber an economist at the BRC, said: Robert Lynch, currency Retailers are worried that once the sales posters come down from their windows, the

strategist at Paribas in New York, said that the attraction shoppers will disappear. It of the euro had faded over the may be that January's figures past month-and-a-half as exwere just due to bargain hunt-ers, and that clearly is not suspectations of euroland growth now look misplaced in the face of high unemployment, low in-The weak economic outlook flation and highly regulated labour markets.

for Europe saw the euro take another knock yesterday, fall-ing to its lowest level yet By contrast, he said, all nredictions of a slowdown in US against the dollar, dropping to growth have been confounded \$1.1219 from \$1.1292 at the by the "amazing strength" of the economy, which has been close on Friday. Against sterpowered by productivity gains. ling, the curo was little

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### **Safeway** upbeat on trading

By Fraser Nelson

SAFEWAY yesterday claimed a small victory in the super-markets' Christmas trading battle, outstripping rival J Sainsbury with 3 per cent sales growth over the past four

The company — still recovering from last year's profits warning - said it has been consistently gaining market share since May, helped by the Triple Points promotion on

its ABC loyalty cards.
Simon Laffin, finance director, said: 'The scheme needed to bring an extra 2 per cent on sales to break even. It did. When we stopped the promotion, this fell by between 0 and 1 per cent, leaving us with people who had come back for good. For the 17 weeks to February 6 its underlying sales grew by 3 per cent, having slowed to 2.2 per cent over the six weeks to January 2. Last week, J Sainsbury said its underlying sales grew by 1.2 per cent over the 19

weeks to January 30.

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## US venture capitalist to give away computers

By Martin Barrow

THE Internet frenzy took a backed by the Barry Diller, new twist yesterday when a US entrepreneur promised to give away thousands of personal computers in return for the right to display advertising on the screens.

Venture capitalist Bill Gross is to offer US consumers a Compaq PC, worth just under \$1,000 (about £613), Internet ac-

BILL GATES, the world's richest man, has given \$3.3 billion (£2 billion) to charity in one of the biggest acts of philanthropy in American history (Oliver August writes from New York). Together with Melinda, his wife, he donated the money to two family foundations that support health and educational projects. Mr Gates is currently subject of an anti-trust trial that has depicted him and his company as aggressive and mean-spirited.

cess and electronic mail -- all for free — in exchange for viewing targeted advertising. He expects to give away 10,000 computers in the second quarter.

The scheme by Free-PC takes advantage of falling computer prices and the strong appetite among consumers for Internet links. Mr Gross, who is

Court legal challenge yesterday.

Mr Maxwell, 39, was challenging the Government's refusal to help to

pay for a lawyer to represent him in

interviews with inspectors investi-

gating the affairs of Mirror Group

Newspapers. Rejecting his applica-

tion for a judicial review, the judge. Lord Justice Scott, started "certifica-

tion" proceedings against Mr Max-

the US home shopping tycoon. will generate reveue by charging advertisers for access.
The launch of Free-PC is cer-

tain to fuel the debate over the price consumers pay for personal computers in the UK. Last year Intel, the US computer company, accused Dixons, the UK retailer, of stitling growth in demand for PCs in

Britain by overcharging.
The complaint, which received a sympathetic hearing from Peter Mandelson, the tormer Trade and Industry Se retary, was fiercely denied by Dixons at the time. Dixons has since enjoyed success with the launch of its own Internet service and its shares have enjoyed a strong rerating, rising from 47212p in July to a peak of £10.59½ last month on the back

of the City's Internet frenzy. Yesterday BT and Microsoft announced an alliance to develop data services that will offer access to the Internet from mobile phones. Separately, EMI joined with four rival record companies to finance a project to download music direct to home computers via the Internet in an attempt to thwart computer pirates bootlegging music albums by e-mail.

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Wheels in motion: Stephen Byers talks to Kevin Howe, right, managing director of the Longbridge plant, on his visit to the Rover factory yesterday

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND SIGRID AUFTERBECK

THE Government will mount a strong campaign to press BMW to keep open Rover's Longbridge plant in Birmingham, workers at the plant were told yesterday. It will tell both the company and the German Government that Longbridge is vital to the UK economy.

Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary, held crisis talks with managers and unions after last week's board-Commentary, page 27 room upheaval at BMW, dressed the problems of pro-

Government to campaign for Rover plant's survival

which was triggered by the continuing losses at Rover. He told employees on the works ductivity which have helped to plunge Rover into massive losses. He said they had demcommittee, which comprises convenors and shop stewards among the 14,000-strong workforce, that the Government fully supported Longbridge. He said the workforce had ad-

onstrated flexibility in the rescue plan agreed in December. which involved 2,500 job losses and an overhaul of working

Mr Byers said that he would tell BMW that Longbridge was not only vital to the West Midlands economy - where its closure could cut 50,000 jobs in total — but also to the UK economy. He added that the Government was in close contact with BMW and will do "all we can to represent the interests of Rover and

Longbridge in particular".

Wolfgang Reitzle. Herr Reitzle had wanted BMW to ditch

its Longbridge operation.
The new chief executive is Joachim Milberg, the former head of engineering whose views on the future of Rover are less well-known. It is believed that BMW will review its strategy over the next two

The future of Rover and

Longbridge was thrown into doubt after the British subsidi-

ary's only real supporter. Bernd Pischetsrieder was

sacked as chief executive along with his heir apparent,

### Maxwell may be forced | Counter-bid unlikely as to speak to inspectors

speak to the inspectors. Failure to comply could lead to Mr Maxwell being held in contempt of court. of the late Robert Maxwell, the media tycoon, may be forced to answer questions put to him by government inspectors, after failing in a High

The inspectors, Sir Roger Thomas and Raymond Turner, were appointed by the Department of Trade and Industry in June 1992 to investigate the affairs of MGN, with particular regard to the £500 million flotation in 1991. They have heard 171 witnesses in person and received written evidence from 105 others, and want to interview Mr Maxwell

Mr Maxwell, who was made

KEVIN MAXWELL, youngest son well, which could compel him to bankrupt in 1992 and discharged from bankruptcy in 1995, says that, as a married man with six dependent children aged between two and

14, he cannot afford legal fees. Mr Maxwell argued that the inquiry could lead to further criminal charges and moves to disqualify him from holding company directorships. The inspectors, he said, should be content with the mass of evidence documented during his trial and during other inquiries into his financial affairs.

The hearing continues.

# Stakis agrees takeover

A COUNTER-BID for Stakis looked increasingly unlikely last night as the hotel and casino group agreed to a 146p-a-share takeover from the ri-

val Ladbroke Group.

The deal, valuing Stakis at £1.16 billion, or almost £1.4 billion including debt, received a resounding thumbs-up in the City. Ladbroke shares jumped 16 per cent, adding 38p to 269p, while Stakis gained 16p

Because the offer is a mix of 60 per cent in new Ladbroke shares and the rest in cash, yesterday's rise lifts the offer price to about

160p, against 109%p before last week's confirmation of the talks. "That should put off any other bidders," said one analyst. David Michels, Stakis's chief executive, joins the Ladbroke board as

head of Hilton International, precipitating the departure of David Jarvis with an estimated £1 million payoff. The other main casualty is Neil Chisman, the Stakis finance

Annual cost savings of "at least £16 million" were predicted, al-

though analysts believe the actual figure could be double that. Up to 200 jobs will be lost from the closure

of Stakis's Glasgow head office.
The combined chain of 92 UK hotels will lose both the Stakis and Hilton National brands. A new identity based on the Hilton name and capable of being used outside the UK is expected to be drawn up, probably after discussion with Hilton Hotels Corporation, Ladbroke's US

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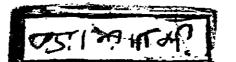
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#### BIG BUSINESSES FORGE ALLIANCES TO CONQUER WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY



Barry Diller is backing the venture offering free computers

### BT-Microsoft link gives mobiles access to Net

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BRITISH TELECOM and Microsoft vesterday formed an alliance to develop data services that will offer access to the Internet from mobile phones

The deal - which emphasises the increasing co-operation of computer and telecom companies to exploit the benefits of new technology — is in direct competition to Symbian, the partnership of Psion. Ericsson. Nokia and Motorola. Yesterday shares in Psion, which recently hit all-time highs on the London stock market, fell 521:p to 87op as details of the rival offering emerged.

Of the BT-Microsoft tie-up.

albums by e-mail.

Project, a six-month experi-

ment co-ordinated by IBM. The five companies have do-nated 200 albums between

them, which will be made

available for downloading

from an IBM website by au-

thorised users. IBM believes

AT&T, the US telecoms group. in the venture, one Wall Street analyst said: "BT is obviously serious about being a player in wireless Internet services. They've made a powerful point. Wireless Internet is becoming the next big thing in

Some analysts agree with the projections of mobile operators that next year more mobile phones with Internet connection will be sold than lap-

BT will involve Concert. its international corporate customer arm, in the alliance which will offer services primarily aimed at businesses. Concert of BT's attempted takeover of MCI, the US phone company. The failure of that deal left a gaping hole in BT's US expansion strategy which it now hopes to fill with the new Microsoft and AT&T links.

Microsoft's main interest in the deal is establishing the Windows operating system as a universal standard for mobile Internet communications. Paul Maritz. Microsoft's group vice-president for plat-

forms and applications, announced the partnership with BT at an industry conference in New Orleans.

Last November, Microsoft and Qualcomm of the US creKnowledge, to develop wireless services for business customers in the US. The alliance with BT is expected to focus on non-US customers, with trials in the UK beginning in the

In another link-up of telecoms and computer compa-nies, Motorola and Cisco Systems, the Internet hardware company, yesterday agreed an alliance to develop mobile Internet technology.

The two companies say they will spend up to \$1 billion (£600 million) over the next five years to make the Internet as versatile over mobile networks as through telephone

### EMI and rivals Firm offers free band together to computers and beat bootleggers endless adverts

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

its system to be pirate-proof. EMI has joined with four rival record companies to fiwith only authorised users able to play the music on their nance a project to download computers or make tape remusic direct to home computers via the Internet in an cordings. attempt to thwart computer The experiment comes in repirates bootlegging music sponse to MP3, a compression

By Fraser Nelson

formula that enables compu-Universal, Sony. Time ter users to download pirated Warner, Bertelsmann and CD-quality songs from the Internet, then record them on EMI are understood to have paid about £15 million to take their own tapes and discs. part in the so-called Madison This has spawned a new

breed of music fans who swap pillered songs by e-mailing them to each other.

In the absence of any official Internet music sites, Internet pirates have grown to dominate the market, making them freely available all over the world. Although the technology is still in its infancy, anats believe it could, in time. ruin the music industry unless it finds a way of making se-

cure recordings.
IBM will monitor the San Diego users to see if they succeed in making pirate copies of the music.

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A CONSORTIUM of Silicon Valley investors and media moguls launched a new company called FreePC vesterday aimed at giving away computers to anyone agreeing to have advertising permanently coming up on their screens.

Barry Diller, the home shopping media man who made Fox Television into the fourth national network in the US, is backing the venture, the brainchild of Bill Gross, who runs a California-based venture capital fund. Compaq will supply the computers, including an Internet connection through which advertising will continually be uploaded.

In return FreePC customers will supply detailed information about their income, tastes and can target specific audiences.

The business model is similar to mobile phone offers in which companies give away the hardware - in their case the telephone - for free to win customers and make money

from the use of the phone. Some computer pioneers be-lieve that free hardware will become a mainstream trend in the industry: as computer manufacturers give away free software to computer buyers. so Internet content providers could give away the hardware to bind consumers to their output channel.

Don LaVigne, the FreePC chief executive, said: "The consumer will get connected into the information age without cost and advertisers will get a broad demographic of a very targeted audience.

"Free PCs and Internet access will be the inevitable next step with the explosion of ecommerce and direct online marketing."

aways will be limited to bottom-range computers. FreePC is offering a Compaq machine retailing at \$600 (£360). Anyone who wants a more powerful computer would have to pay the difference.

#### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

### Aid to emerging nations shrinks

PARSIMONY of governments and crash-induced lears of private investors made the flow of finance from developed to emerging economies shrink by 11 per cent to \$324 billion (£199 million) in 1997, the first drop in the decade. A report from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development projects a further fall for 1998.

Official development aid by OECD members fell to an average of 0.22 per cent of output, the lowest recorded and less than a third of the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent. Some European countries trimmed budgets to meet Maastricht treaty rules but America's contribution, at 0.09 per cent of output, was proportionately lowest. Only direct private investment rose, chiefly to buy businesses cheaply in crashed Asian economies. The OECD estimates that 13 billion people, a quarter of the world population, exist on less than \$1 per day.

### Unilever disposal

UNILEVER, the Anglo-Dutch consumer goods manufacturer, is selling the salad and dressings business of Fritz Homann Lebensmittelwerke to Gilde Investment Management, an investment fund based in The Netherlands, for an undisclosed sum. The business, which boasts annual sales of about £175 million, will be merged with Beeck Feinkostgruppe, a German salad and dressing company owned by Gilde, to create a new convenience foods group in Germany.

### Thomson-CSF record

THOMSON-CSF, the French defence electronics group, saw sales rise only slightly in 1998 but a 7 per cent increase in new orders brought the order book to a record level. Sales rose 5.1 per cent to €0.18 billion (£4.28 billion) last year, while new orders rose 7 per cent to €7.02 billion. Thomson-CSF said that the order book at the end of the year was up 20 per cent to a record €13.4 billion, from €11.1 billion a year earlier. In 1997 sales came to €5.87 billion and new orders €6.57 billion.

### Roxspur sales drop

ROXSPUR, the specialist manufacturer, gave warning that its order book from UK manufacturing customers is "extremely short" and that a cumulative shortfall in sales volumes has seen it fail to hit growth targets. Shares fell 1455p to 48p off a 12-month high of 117t-p. Pre-tax profits for the six months to December 31 rose £500,000 to £1.5 million; earnings per share fell from 2.8p to 2.3p. There is no interim dividend.

### Dana shares rise 25%

SHARES in Dana Petroleum put on 25 per cent yesterday, rising 1/2p to 7/4p, after the company realised £21 million in asset sales and the renegotiation of the take-or-pay contract with British Gas Trading for its stakes in the Victor gasfield. The contract sees Dana receive compensation of £11.3 million, while the sale of one third of its interest in Victor to Centrica and the sale of other interests in offshore blocks brought in £9.7 million.

### Menzies airport deal

JOHN MENZIES, the distribution group, has won a £25 million, five-year contract to provide a passenger and baggage transfer service at Heathrow. The company is taking on 130 staff from the existing contractor and will acquire seven coaches and 35 specially designed vans to transport an estimated three million passengers and 6.5 million bags on the service to be branded Connect.

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Nigeria By MARTIN BARROW SHELL is to invest \$8.5 billion (£5.2 billion) in oil and gas projects in Nigeria, the company announced vesterday. The projects could lift the troubled nation's oil output by 25 per cent over the next five years. Taken together, the projects amount to the biggest investment in sub-Saharan Africa. and could rejuvenate the oil industry in Nigeria after vears of neglect caused by po-Key elements of the invest-ment are the development of four hig offshore fields, includ-ing the giant Bonga discovery. where production is expected to exceed 350,000 barrels per day (bpd). This oilfield will be linked via a new pipeline to the Bonny liquefied natural gas plant.

The announcement was a subsequence was a foonfidence. welcome vote of confidence in Nigeria for its military Government and civilian rul ers due to take over power in May who need to find for-eign financing to plug a defi-cit caused by a slump in oil prices.

Shell currently produces a little less than half of Nigeria's daily output of two million barrels of crude, mostly from onshore wells at \$2 a barrel. The deep offshore re-serves offer a brighter pros-pect for Shell, away from the community disturbances. **EXCHANGE RATES** 

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t is but a short hop from offering free Internet access to providing free computers. While Sir Stanley Kalms may not yet be ready to make it, in the United States the give away com-puter has arrived.

This development will, no doubt, catch the attention of those in Government who have decided that berating British companies for ripping off their customers amounts to an electorate-friendly strategy on consum-er affairs. The Office of Fair Trading has already been encouraged to take a look at the prices that Sir Stanley and his competitors charge for computers. No matter how they may try to justify their prices, they most certainly aren't giving them away.

But FreePC is no exercise in philanthropy. The motive for giving away the hardware is the belief that there will be fortunes to be made out of the software and those who use it. The day when we live our lives, or a very impor-tant part of them, in the brave new world of the Web moves

The Madison Project gives an indication of the radical changes to come. Courtesy of record companies, IBM and the Web. music lovers in San Diego are going to be able to download the albums they would like to own. They might even do so through the keyboard of a free computer. The music companies will be able to slash production costs; the music

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### No such thing as a free byte

buyer will be offered almost instant gratification. Should he or she be a sensitive soul, rather fond of browsing through a CD collection and reading the covers. even though they lack the sensory appeal of the old LPs. then the technology is available to meet their needs. Every home could be equipped to produce a CD. complete with the appropriate printed cover, from the down-

loaded information. The music lover would have had no need to venture out into the high street or queue to pay at his favourite record store. The computer would have done away with the need for a visit to HMV or Our Price. Could this realisation be gradually dawning on the venture capitalists who appear to be losing some of their initial enthusiasm for relieving Richard Branson of his chain of more

than 200 Our Price shops?
Probably not. The Madison
Project is, after all, restricted to San Diego at the moment, so poses little threat to record sales in Surbiton or Southampton. But it is another pointer to the way that e-commerce could develop and the drastic effect it could have on the retail property market. Much has been heard about



**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

the potential impact on conventional bookstores of Amazon. com and the other Internet bookstores. Records are also increasingly being sold over the Web. But almost immediate delivery, and significantly lower costs. would make Internet-buying almost irresistible. High street record sales would be virtually dead. A prospect that would cause some concern to Woolworth as well as Mr Branson.

#### Let's hear a hand for the economy

T hat a great self-justifying day the statisticians have provided for those famous two-handed economists. On the one hand, manufacturing was falling vertiginously into recession at the end of 1998. And it is not just export orders, hit first by the strong pound and now by the weak euro. Factory prices to domestic buyers are

now falling consistently. For the first time since records began 40 years ago, producer output prices have fallen year on year. The over-riding fear must now be of a genuine deflationary spiral, the first here since the depression of the late 1920s and early 1930s.

On the other hand, retail sales rebounded strongly in January. however modest the big shopkeepers themselves would prefer to be about customers' ability and willingness to dip deeper into their wallets. They have not. however, thrown caution to the winds. Much to the retailers' chagrin, consumers have become bargain-hunters, intent on finding the best deals. The sales increases that the British Retail Consortium was anxious to play down yesterday were only bought at the cost of its members' margins.

By a process of evolution, most City economists are now more likely to be one-handed at any given moment. Put them togeth-

er, though, and haif a dozen ferrets in a sack have nothing on the ensuing erudite debate.

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Commintee, you may think, is bound to be just such a dialectical academy. That may explain, if anything can, why the Bank was still racked with fear as recently as last summer, lest the UK economy was overheating so uncontrollably that it

might go critical. Inflation paranoia might still haunt the corridors once paced by Montague Norman if America's Alan Greenspan had not told his peers round the world that it ain't necessarily so. Conversion, once it came, was completed fairly rapidly. The Bank, with or without the

latest output figures in mind. has seen the vast empty space be-tween base rates and what the UK needs and the rest of Europe charges. It is trying to bridge that gap at a brisk but orderly pace. The change in psychology is vital. It should mean that any sustained recovery in retail sales is treated with relief rather than alarm and that a weaker pound is greatly to be wished. The battle to stop the whole economy following manufacturing down the plughole is far from over and all allies must be welcome.

#### Lure of the euro is all Greek to them

reece was the only EU country to want to join the euro but suffer hurtful rejection. It still faces labours of Hercules to meet Maastricht tests and be next to join in 2001. Privatisation candidates such

as Olympic Airways and Ionian Bank should have raised plenty of cash to window-dress state coffers by now, but they are still not

coming up to scratch.

Olympic should have thundered up the runway years ago, but remains grounded. Efforts, including the property in the strains and the strains are the strains. including cash injections. 10 make the unreconstructed carrier more profitable have misfired. A rash of strikes sent passengers fleeing. Profits of £25 million in 1996 turned into a loss of £85 million in 1997 and an expected loss

of £10million to £35 million in 1998. Last week, the Government gave up and invited outsiders to bid for a management contract with a strategic alliance in view. perhaps with British Airways. Yesterday. Theodore Tsakiridis.

the managing director, resigned. An attempt to sell the State's majority stake in the 222-branch ionian Bank failed last August. so JP Morgan was brought in to help. Days before yesterday's new deadline for bids, however, Morgan had to reveal that a fifth of the bank's assets were accounted for by one back-to-back deposit and loan deal in London. There

has been no stampede to buy. Perhaps the Greeks should not be concerned. The vaunted euro has just set another record low. At this rate the euro II will soon be begging to join the drachma.

#### Duff investment

IT IS just a touch embarrassing for the chairman of the Personal Investment Authority to find himself embroiled in a dispute over a duff investment, but Joe Palmer can probably shrug off his unfortunate involvement with Laser Richmount. He, presumably, be-lieved that Telford was set to become the international office location of choice when he set about extolling the attractions of the Telford enterprise zone trust. Overoptimistic valuations have cost investors dear. The PIA chief will

### Hillsdown sells biscuits operation

Hillsdown Holdings, the struggling food group, has sold its continental biscuits operation to its management for £42 million. Proceeds of the sale will reduce Hillsdown's gearing to below 100 per cent. The sale comes six weeks after Hillsdown sold the Ross Breeders poultry breeding business for £100 million.

Hillsdown also wants to dispose of its wines and spirits wholesaling operation, but plans to offload its furniture making companies, a potato business and a poultry processor have been shelved.

B&B letter

Bradford & Bingley, the building society, is spending £500,000 writing to its 2.5 million members urging them to reject the pro-conversion resolution which Stephen Major, a plumber from Co Antrim in Northern Ireland, has put forward for the annual meeting in April, Meanwhile, Michael Hardern is planning to target the Nationwide, the country's biggest building society, for a

BHL buys Rebel Brands Hatch Leisure, the mo-

tor circuit operator, has acquired the Rebel Group, a karting circuit operator, for up to £5.5 million in cash and loan notes. The Rebel Group runs the Daytona Raceway karting tracks in Milton Keynes and White City, West London.

Vickers forecast

Vickers, the diversified engineering company, said it estimated pre-tax earnings in 1998 were about £55.6 million. It also expected a net exceptional profit of £101.4 million and intends to retain the final dividend at 4.5p. Tempus, page 28

Pubs takeover talks Shares of Cafe Inns, the North of England pubs operator, yesterday rose 18%p to 222%p as the group said it was in discussions that may lead to a takeover. Pubs'n'Bars also said it had received a takeover offer. Its shares rose 2p to 52p.

Property disposal Chesterfield Properties is planning to sell off its property portfolio after failing to find a buyer for the whole group.

### Scotia tops the market with a 42% General Mills injection

By Paul Durman

SCOTIA HOLDINGS yesterday was the best-performing share on the UK stock market following a wide-ranging deal with General Mills, the American food company.

Shares in the Scottish drug development company, which once topped £8, jumped 42 per cent to 98½p.

General Mills, the company behind Cheerios cereals and Yoplait yoghurts, is to develop a range of diet foods using Scotia's Ölibra, an ingredient that is said to induce a sensation of Scotia is expected to earn

sales when the product is launched in two years' time. General Mills has a turnover of more than \$6 billion (£3.6 billion). However, it will develop cereals and other prod-

royalties of 2 to 3 per cent of

wide value of \$75 billion. Rob Dow, Scotia's chief executive, said: "This is an enor-mous validation of the potenrial commercial value of the technology. These guys have found the clinical data to be er significant players to do deals with us." It was not clear whether the General Mills deal will affect plans by St Ivel, owned by Unigate, to launch desserts and yoghurts containing Olibra later this year. Skanemejerier. a Swedish milk company, is already marketing Maval yoghurts in the UK but it is struggling to meet Scotia's sales targets.

General Mills has acquired an exclusive licence to apply Scotia's "satiety technology" to all food and drinks in the US. Canada and Mexico, and a worldwide licence for its use in cereals. The American group will pay modest milestone payments to maintain the licences.

Dr Dow, formerly with Roche, has abandoned many of Scotia's fat-based drug development projects since taking over as chief executive last ucts for markets, with a worldyear, while cutting staff numbers from 420 to 250.

Poorly-designed clinical trials had prevented Scotia winning ing drugs such as Tarabetic, a treatment for the nerve damage satisfactory. It will attract oth-



Rob Dow said the General Mills deal is likely to attact other significant players to Scotia

### Rebus joins the market exodus

By ROBERT LEA

REBUS, the IT services group. joined the flow of quoted companies being taken private yesterday, blaming a lack of interest in smaller shares on the London stock market.

Peter Presland, Rebus chief executive, who will remain in the post after the buyout, said: It is imperative for us to access resources to grow this business. What is the point of remaining a quoted business if you cannot access these re-sources through the markets? Rebus, whose IT interests in-

clude personnel outsourcing, payroll services and technology for the London insurance market, is being taken private by Warburg Pincus and General Atlantic Partners, two US venture capital funds skewed toward the IT sector who have bid 182p per share for the company.

The offer, recommended by the Rebus board, values the group at £172 million or at more than 31 times historic earnings. The deal represents a 32 per cent premium to Rebus's shares from before Friday's statement when the company said it had received

Since Rebus was demerged from CE Heath, the insurance group, three years ago at a price of 88p, the shares have habitually traded at a significant discount to many others in the IT sector. The shares

### Inchcape disposals near £650m

INCHCAPE, the international trading conglomerate, continued its asset disposal program with the sale of its shipping services division to Electra Fleming, the venture capital firm, for £47.5 million

(Paul Armstrong writes). The sale takes the proceeds from the divestment programme to £648.5 million, paving the way for a £500 million-plus return to shareholders later this year.

Inchcape is on target to complete its self-off by June. with only two businesses to be sold: a consumable products distributorship in the Middle East and half an office products distributorship in the Asia-Pacific region.

### Profits up 40% at PizzaExpress

By DOMINIC WALSH

PIZZAEXPRESS. the fastgrowing restaurant operator. defied the economic gloom yesterday with a 40 per cent jump in half-year profits and a positive outlook on its prospects.

The group, which has more than 200 restaurants, lifted pretax profits from E9.4 million to £13.2 million in the six months to December 31, from turnover 28 per cent higher at £61 million. Earnings per share reached 14.9p (10.3p) and the in-

terim dividend is 1.3p (1.05p). Like-for-like sales growth, although well below the 12 per cent of this time last year, was nevertheless well ahead of most competitors at 3 per cent. The group said it saw "no sign

of the underlying demand for

our pizzas slackening". David Page, the chairman. said: "It's a bit variable, but we're hoping to stay in positive territory for the full year." Neither its fledgeling pasta

brands nor its international franchises are expected to make much of a contribution until 2001. New franchises are under negotiation covering South Africa, Spain. Hungary, the Czech Republic. Poland

and North Africa. In addition, the company is close to signing a joint venture for Japan in which it would invest about £125,000.

### Palmer snared in dispute over property plan

THE chairman of the Personal Investment Authority, a pair of property developers nick-named the Earls of Dudley and 900 private investors have become embroiled in a legal dispute over a Midlands property scheme that went sour (see Commentary, this page:

At the centre of the dispute are two office buildings in Telford. Their development in 1992 was financed through a £30 million enterprise zone property trust (EZPT) — the Laser Richmount (Telford) Trust. which is now said to be worth just £9.3 million.

The investors are aggrieved at the collapse in the capital value of the two office blocks, where the space is only 30 per cent let, and are seeking to re-

coup their losses. Last week, a group representing 80 per cent of investors served a statement of claim on he EZPT's sponthe financial adviser, and Richard Ellis. property alleging fim. that investors had been misled by the original

marketing litera-Palmer: Jeft to join PIA Brian Woodward, spokesman for the inves-tors, described the scheme as "highly speculative and gross-ly overpriced". He said: "The investors relied on the sponsors as they held themselves out as specialists with experi-

ence in EZPTs. Unfortunately. this reliance was misplaced." Mr Woodward said the tax benefits of the scheme had been wiped out by the fall in value of the Telford buildings, leaving investors with a net loss. The rust's units had a net worth of ess than 60p in the pound.

The investors, who each contributed an average of £34,000 to the trust, also argue that the rental income on the Telford properties was misrepresented by Johnson Fry and Richard Ellis as guaranteed for up to 30 years. In fact, the trust's bank guarantee lasted for just six-and-a-half years.

Although the investors have focused their legal action on the sponsors - both of which declined to comment - they also considered bringing a suit against the trust's manager. Laser Richmount, chaired by Joe Palmer, then chief execu-tive of Legal & General, until

he left to join the PIA.

Mr Woodward said the trustees of the scheme were separately pursuing legal action against Grimley, another firm of surveyors, which provided the original valuation of £30.2 million. Mr Woodward said "a retrospective valuation" of the Telford properties had

them closer to £14 million. Laser Richmount, is 70 per cent owned by V&P Midlands,



by turning a land in Dudley into the Merry shopping complex, thus the Earls soubri

They built the office blocks. Plaza Tower and

Plaza Court, and then agreed to lease them back for 25 years through a subsidiary named Telpa, so guaranteeing the rental income for the inves-

This income was also guaranteed for six-and-a-half years by a deposit with Lloyds Bank. However, when that pool of money ran out in September 1998. Telpa said it would have

to renege on the leaseback. Investors opposed these plans and the Richardsons agreed to continue paying the rent while new tenants are found. Mr Woodward argues the nature of the guarantee on the rental income was thus misrepresented, a charge the sponsors and Richard Ellis are sure to contest.

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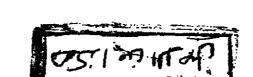
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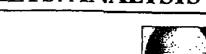
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### FKI continues to rise as bid speculation grows

had FKI up and running again amid intense talk in the Souare Mile that a bid for the company is imminent.

The engineering group rose IImp to 175p on turnover of almost six million shares amid claims the board was locked in a meeting. Stories doing the rounds last week claimed Jeff Whalley, retiring chairman, had secured financial backing to take the company private. He has already indicated he would be prepared to make an offer worth 200p a share, valuing the business at £1.13 bil-lion. But this has met with opposition from the rest of the board, which says it is not enough having seen the price slump from the 227p level last year to a low of 1021-p.

Mr Whalley resigned from the board last month and stated his intention to retire as chairman in July.

Meanwhile, the speculators are not ruling out the possibility of a bid from Ingersoll-Rand, the US industrial group, which has been looking at suitable acquisitions.

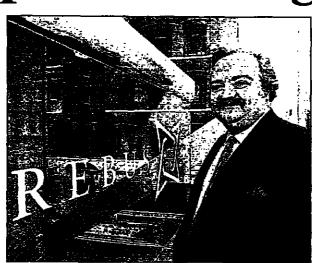
Share prices generally ended a lacklustre session on a flat note with the FTSE 100 index down 20.4 at 5,834.9, while the FTSE 250 index also shed 6.1 at 5,205.4.

London's demise reflected opening losses on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average slumped almost 100 points, rattled by the claims of one investment guru that the market could fall by as much as 10 per cent in the next few weeks. Turnover in London was again on the high side with more than a billion shares changing hands despite the absence of any fresh corporate action.

Hopes that Lasmo, up 14p to 11812p, and Enterprise Oil, 10%p better at 234%p, may soon have something positive get-together drew the speculators out again. They say that if the two companies leave it much longer someone may

beat them to it. There is talk of a bid for Lasmo from BG, up 14p to 362p. Word is it wants to make full use of Lasmo's assets. Italy's ENI may also bid for

There was a muted response to the trading update from Safeway, 2p lower at 276p. which reported a 3 per cent increase in like-for-like sales dur-



Peter Presland, chief executive of Rebus, which raced up 18p to 177%p on the back of a bid valuing the company at £172 million

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ing the first 17 weeks of the second half. Rival J Sainsbury, down another 94p to 3834p, last week reported a meagre 1.5 per cent rise in like-for-like sales and gave a gloomy account of current trading. WestLB Panmure, the broker, has lowered its profits forecast for the year to E725 million. Asda also seems to have lost some of its speculative attrac-

**OPEN ALL HOURS** 

CHRISTMAS was just as

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likely to have been much better. Last year they had

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lands, the broker, says

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Ms Payet expects trading

conditions to begin to im-

them in a new light.

tion with the price retreating 24p to 1534p. Meanwhile, the speculators

continue to chase Pilkington higher in the hope that a bidder will soon materialise for Britain's biggest glassmaker. The price closed 7p dearer at 71½p and has now come up from a recent low of 50½p. Rebus Group has become the latest of a clutch of compu-

prove towards the second

half of 1999 and has already

WH Smith, Ip firmer at 576/2p. and Arcadia, down

and remains a "sell".

shares, or 13.7 per cent. Edward Burgess has bought an extra 20,000 in Eurodis Electron. Sp lower at 61½p. It takes his total holding to 70.000 shares, or less than I

NSB Retail stood out with a jump of 271/2p to 2621/2p on the back of some positive com-ments from Teather & Greenwood, the broker. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Bond pric-

orated after the group moved to

dispel speculation that had driv-

en the price from a low of 178/sp

since the start of the year. The price touched 255p before clos-

There was early confusion

in Freepages as the price shad-

ed Ip to 311:p. Robert Bonnier,

chief executive, sold almost nine million shares at 31<sup>12</sup>p, but 6.74 million of those

shares were repurchased by

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es suffered losses stretching to more than £1 as they followed overseas bond markets lower in lacklustre trading. Prices fell 50p in the first hour and then spent much of the session trading in narrow limits. Dealers reported another sell-off about the ten-year range were worst affected. In the futures pit, the March

Skp to 188kp, have both been upgraded to a "buy" series of the long gilt fell 68p to by Sutherlands. It expects E118.30 as 30,000 contracts were them to take advantage of completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 dropped £1.04 to £149.70, on-line sales of clothing. books, video and music. while in shorts, Treasury 7 per cent 2002 lost 18p at £107.56.

☐ NEW YORK: Wall Street Kingfisher, 71/2p higher at 677½p, and Body Shop. 2p dearer at 90%p, are also on gave up early gains as confi-dence in blue chips evaporatthe "buy" list. But DFS Furniture, up 71/2p at 22/6p. ed. At midday the Dow Jones shows few signs of recovery industrial average was down 73.37 points to 9.230.87.

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RECENT ISSUES:

ny controlled by Mr Bonnier. His wife has sold 1.3 million shares at the same price. The reshuffle raises Mr Bonnier's holding in the company to 45 million shares, or 8.6 per cent. Worthing Group held steady at a low of 24½p despite one man's decision to take advantage of the price to top up his holding. Joseph Dwek has bought 6.97 million shares tak-	AIMA VCT 100 Abbey Natt Dublin bw 88 BFS O'seas Inc & Gwth Cap 98 BFS O'seas Inc & Gwth Inc 120 Close Bross Dev VCT 100 Gander Properties 7 Jupiler En Zero Dw Pt 106-2 Jupiler En Zero Dw Pt 100 Singer & Frd AIM VCT 100 Yeoman # Equity Units 103 Yeoman # Inv Tst Cap 5'-2 Yeoman # Inv Tst Inc 97'-2 Yeoman # Zero Div Pt 116'-	-
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cent a year ago to just 3 per cent. But with most competitors in negative territory that is no mean achievement. Its continued ability to open new units without commensurate increases in base costs means margins improved from 19.7 per cent to 22.1 per cent. PizzaExpress is now developing the theme into pasta.

growth is down from 12 per

acquiring Café Pasta last year. David Page, the chairman, leads a strong managechunky 24 times predicted full-year earnings, this is an appetising formula. Buy. **Vickers** 

PAUL BUYSSE, chief executive of Vickers since last summer, has taken strides to refocus the engineer that farmous-ly sold Rolls-Royce Motor Cars to Volkswagen last year. But is he focusing on anything worth getting excited about?

The stock market's answer

is decidedly negative. With

Find room at the inn much less likely that a rival bidder — a black knight — will feel able to break up the party. THE rise in the price of Ladbroke stock yesterday means the value of the mixed cash and

Stakis's chief executive to head up Hilton Inter-national for Ladbroke. But with his favoured new employer unlikely to replace gaming boss Mike Smith when he joins Rank, Mr Michels will also take on the appearance of a joint chief executive alongside Peter George. Stakis may well be worth 180p but Ladbroke is not going to overpay for the sake of it. Moreover, those Stakis shareholders who

David Michels is set to move from being

take Ladbroke shares may reap longer-term rewards by allowing themselves to be bought cheaply. Pennies saved now gives Ladbroke ammunition to tilt at Vaux, or buy on the Continent or in Asia Pacific.

The focus is moving to Ladbroke. One way or another, get on its share register.

can without obvious trouble.

At 12 times forecast earnings.

Safeway shares are cheap.

However, with the kind of

competition operating in this

sector - and with Tesco and

Asda more attractive agres-

sors - they may stay that

way. And it shows how far

Sainsbury's recovery hopes

#### Safeway

previously appreciated.

J SAINSBURY - and the much-derided John Cleese Value to Shout About promotion - is attracting all the attention in the food retailing sector just now. Sainsbury's shares have dived 21 per cent since Tempus recommeded selling last October. During the same period, Safeway shares have held up better, although as the chart shows, it

share offer for Stakis rose by 14p. But even at

Ladbroke said yesterday it would make profits of £276.9 million in 1998, 22 per cent better than in 1997. That means its shares, up 38p to

269p, trade at a price equivalent to 15 times its

earnings per share, about the same as the sec-

tor average. Yet even at 160p, the Stakis exit

multiple is only 17 times, which hardly repre-

sents a generous premuim for gaining con-

trol. Yes, Ladbroke is offering a very healthy

uplift compared with what the market valued Stakis pre-bid talk, but that was then. Now, in

the limelight, Stakis stands stronger than was

The fact that Stakis's management is being so well accommodated by Ladbroke makes it

160p instead of 146p. Stakis is a snip.

was down-rated earlier. Safeway was toot-tooting about its sales figures yester-day. It boasted about outperforming the sector for the past nine months in a row. But the figures were not all they seemed. Safeway had a disastrous Christmas before last no sales growth in a sector up 4 per cent — so 3 per cent growth this time around represented something of a hollow victory. Its Triple Points loyal-

### have to go. Avoid both for now way through the festive sea-**FALLEN FROM GRACE**

# ty card promotion added 2 per

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restored reputation, however.

As one of the City's most acci-

dent-prone companies, it was

a relief to see it navigated its

since slipped away.

#### Pizza Express

IT IS astonishing to think that we will soon be able to eat in PizzaExpress from Manchester to Moscow, Tokyo to Tunbridge Wells and Wimbledon to Warsaw. All this from the London-born company that, as recently as 1985, thought opening a res-

taurant in Bristol was racy. Not only that but PizzaExpress has barely changed the formula that has been pulling in the punters since 1965. bow to local tastes - Moscow has a caviar pizza, for instance - the concept remains largely as its founder, Peter Boizot, envisaged. Here you find a good quality, value-formoney menu served in styl-

The formula has proved consistently profitable in the six years since PizzaExpress was floated. Yesterday's interim figures show it has not lost its touch, despite the sharp decline in consumer confidence.

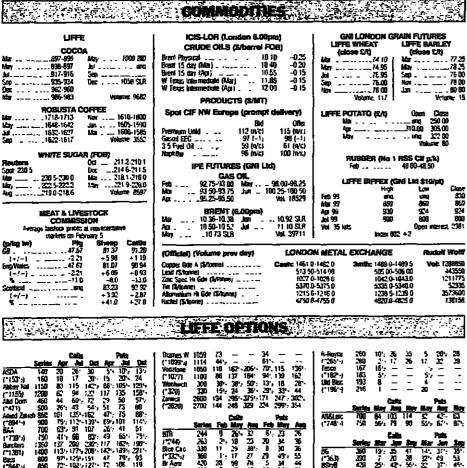
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Vickers shares trading at 149.5p, the prospective p/e ratio is only about eight times assuming Vickers makes 18p per share this year.

The continuing importance of defence contracting does not enhance the attractions of Vickers, especially in the ab-sence of bid interest. But the unpopularity stems more from its helty exposure to the long-suffering petroleum industry. Once amalgamated with Ulstein, the Norwegian marine engineer being bought for £350 million, about half of the Vickers marine sales will come from the oil and gas industries. The marine operations are expected to account for at least 60 per cent of total sales.

It is too early to write off Mr Buysse's efforts, and he may get big help if the oil price recovers. But the only obvious reason for holding the shares now is for the 6 per cent gross dividend income.

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ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Bold 'Anglo Saxon' central banks put Europe to shame

Monetary policy

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ast week's bold cut in interest rates by the Bank of England was as welcome as it was unexpected. It was welcome not only for the obvious reason that it should help to silence the prophets of doorn who had been predicting a recession that was never likely to happen, thereby doing unnecessary damage to business confidence and consumer demand. There are two other, more subtle, reasons for welcoming the boldness of the

First, the seemingly perverse reaction of the currency markets, which pushed sterling sharply higher after the dramatic rate should help to inject some realism among the many British industrialists who still seem to believe that all of their difficulties can be blamed on the "overvalued" pound, a strictly temporary problem, which the Government could easily retolve by announcing a decision to join the single currency. Secondly, the Bank's explicit determination to stimulate economic growth (in theory to guard against the danger of excessively low inflation) should emphasise the contrast between the shambles of European and Japanese central banking and the successful "Anglo Saxon" model of monetary policy gradually developed in America and Britain over the past decade. The essential difference between these approaches can be summarised in a few sentences. In Britain and America (as well as in Can-ada, Australia and a growing number of smaller countries monetary policy is used boldly and more or less explicitly to control both inflation and unemployment by flexibly managing demand. In Europe, by conliving in the pre-Keynesian Dark Ages. Any suggestion that monetary policy should be used to stimulate growth and reduce

ishable by economic excommunication or even political death. Consider first the question of the "overvalued" pound. With every month that goes by, the evidence keeps mounting that the pound's present value is not just some kind of temporary aberration, attributable to exceptionally high interest rates, shortterm worries about the euro or irrational enthusiasm about Britain's economic prospects. In the past two years, British interest rates have fallen by two percentage points relative to the German level, yet sterling has scarcely budged. Waves of euro-phoria and euro-pessimism have come and gone, but the pound has been little affected. Consensus views about Britain's economic performance have ranged from the Jeremias from the City in 1997 about a return of Britain's "inflationary nightmares" to last year's equal-

unemployment is a heresy pun-

BRITAIN AND AMERICA HAVE TACKLED UNEMPLOYMENT AFTER CURBING INFLATION... UNITED STATES BRITAIN 1993 1994 ...SO WHY DOESN'T EUROPE DO THE SAME?

ly ludicrous warnings from the CBI surveys that industrial conditions were worse today than in the recessions of 1980-81 and 1991-92. But amid all this sound and fury, the pound has remained firmly entrenched in its trading ranges of \$1.60 to \$1.70 and DM2.65 to DM3.05.

not been particularly overvalued or even especially "strong" in the past two years. It has simply recovered to around its average level of the previous two dec-ades from the unsustainably low level to which it fell in 1994 and 1995, when the mark and other European currencies temporarily shot off into the stratosphere as a direct result of the monetary incompetence of the Bundesbank. Looking at Brit-ain's competitive position in the global economy, the pound has, since 1997 been hovering around the level required to ensure that British exporters and importers can maintain a rough balance of trade. The current account deficit of about £10 billion which most forecasters expect for Britain in 1999 is about as close to balance as can be expected, once due allowance is made for the contrast between Britain's robust domestic economy and the depressed economic con-

ditions in Europe and Asia. The issue can be put in more direct policy terms. The pound is now bang in the middle of the

range of DM2.65 and DM3.05 in which it has fluctuated for over two years. Why, then, should anyone assume that the conversion rate if and when Britain joins the economic and monetary union will be significantly lower than the present DM2.84? On balance, it seems Britain were to join the single currency, at least in the foreseeable future, the exchange rate would have to be very similar to the one that prevails today.

This thought alone may be enough to deter some of the British seem to support monetary union for crude reasons of shortterm currency tactics (many of these are the same people who wanted to join the exchangerate mechanism in 1990 because it would allow an immediate reduction in British interest rates). But last week's bold action by the Bank of England also underlined a much more important strategic and philosophical issue. To call this issue politically explosive would not be an overstatement, which is why it ought to be debated now. before it is too late, by politicians and commentators not only in Britain and America, but also in Germany, France and the rest of Europe. This is-

sue is, to put it bluntly, the irra-

jobless; perhaps it is actually breaking the law.

tional and potentially illegal behaviour of the European Central Bank. What I mean by irrationality

should be clear to anyone who studies economic statistics or simply looks at the charts above. The ECB's main legal responsibility, as defined by the tain price stability". The ECB's main predecessors, the Bundesbank and the Banque de France had exactly the same goals. But price stability was achieved in Germany and France more than five years ago. So why on earth has the ECB, along with its predecessor institutions, continued to pursue a deflationary monetary policy which has kept European

unemployment at or near postwar record levels? .The standard answers offered by critics of European central banking have been excessive caution, stubborness, dogmatism, incompetence, pride and so on. But in the past few weeks, some of the critics of the ECB have begun to toy with an even more explosive accusation. Perhaps it can be argued that the ECB is not just acting irrationally or incompetently in ignoring the interests of Europe's

The Maastricht treaty defines the duties of the ECB as follows: "The primary objective of the

stability. Without prejudice to the objective of price stability, the ECB shall support the general economic policies in the Community with a view to the achievement of the objectives of the Community as laid down in Arricle 2." Among the objectives laid down in Article 2 are "a harmonious and balanced development of economic activities", "sustainable and non-inflationary growth" and "a high level of employment". In other words, once price stability is attained, it appears that the ECB may be legally bound to observe the in-structions of the European political leaders and finance ministers regarding support for their general economic policies". And there can be no doubt at all that the ECB is legally obliged to pursue a policy that will maintain sustainable growth and a "high level of employment", provided this policy is

consistent with the primary mandate for price stability. Until recently, nobody would have dreamt of paying much atthe ECB's legal mandate. But in the past few days, three developments have occurred which suggest that this indifference may be about to change.

■ he first such development was mentioned in this column last week. It is the growing pressure from America for the ECB to pursue a monetary policy explicitly designed to boost European demand. This pressure is almost certain to grow in the months ahead. The second development is much more important. It is the transformation of political attitudes to monetary policy within Europe. This was most clearly exemplified by a small story in yesterday's Financial Times. The story reported an attack on the ECB by an official from the German Ministry of Finance, Stefan Collignon, head of the di-rectorate of European affairs. Herr Collignon explicitly stated that the ECB is obliged under to support economic growth after it met its primary

objective of price stability".

Until recently European cenard answer to such admonitions. They simply claim that any effort to promote growth and employment through monetary policy would be in conflict with the price stability goal. But this brings uis to the third and most important recent development: the success of the Bank of England and the US Federal Reserve in maintaining price stability and simultaneously using monetary policy to ensure adequate growth and full employment. If the Anglo Saxon central banks continue to succeed in combining both inflation and growth objectives, the ECB's single-minded obsession with inflation and contempt for growth and employment objec-tives will stand exposed. The ECB will be rightly accused not only of incompetence but of breaking the law.

Now that President Clinton's trial is almost over, perhaps it is time for some impeachment in Europe. Step forward into the dock, Wim Duisenberg.

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Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes in the recently released film Shakespeare in Love

### Mobiles herald the onset of the pre-pay plastic revolution

year? Piaggio scooters? Sony PlayStation? The re-emer-gence of Terry Venables as a candidate for England football coach? The answer is that nothing in the marketplace can compare with the success of pre-paid mobile phones.

In the three months before Christmas, 25 million new customers were signed by the big four mobile companies. To put this in perspective, this is by far the best quarter for mobile phone growth in the UK and represents nearly £500 million worth of new business.

All enjoyed a bumper harvest of new customers, though the happiest will be Vodasone and Cellnet, which were able to regain some of the momenrum they had lost to the newer market players - One-2-One and Orange, which had used "image marketing" to great effect, the former signing up lan Wright, Chris Evans and Kate Moss and the latter through arts sponsorship.

The success of these "pay as you talk" initiatives has encouraged quite a few firms to take a fresh view of the prepay market. Typically, this has been seen as a downmarket, rather unpromising area, which involved selling stamps that people collected to pay off However, some companies. such as Park Foods, have enioved success with savings clubs, in Park's case persuading customers to put something by each month to pay towards a Christmas hamper or some jewellery. Park makes money by not only selling the goods, but also through the interest on the money it has collected up front.

Now these market segments are lucrative, but limited. They work largely by persuad-ing people on low incomes that it is wise to budget for expensive items by putting a little cash away when they have some spare. These people would be better served by opening a building society account so they received the interest - not Park Foods and British Gas. But this is an issue for the banks, which have been criticised by the Office of Fair Trading for not reaching out to the poorest parts of society.

The pre-pay phones are similar, but crucially different. The similarity is that they are

aimed at customers that the mobile phone companies could not win before because either the customers could not obtain credit - because they were too poor, too young or had a bad payment history or the customers did not want to take on onerous contracts

for a mobile phone. With prepay there is no contract. You buy the phone and then you buy a card that gives you anything up to £100 worth of call At this point there is a little

bit of science - which is where pre-pay phones differ from what has gone on in the past and show the way forward. To have enough security in the card to carry quite a lot of



money, and also to allow some of the clever ways of loading such as data sent down a phone line, the companies have been using chip cards. Until quite recently these were too expensive to be used widely, but now they cost about £1.50 each to make. According to

Haasler, market analyst for De La Rue, which makes these cards, the price point is crucial. Banks, supermarkets, util-ity firms and the like can afford to give away chip cards as a marketing tool, when previously the cost might have been prohibitive. Customers who can obtain credit can use these cards for small-value transactions, rather than carrying cash. Customers who cannot obtain credit can use them as if they were a credit card. With the growth of e-commerce, this

for example, a teenage Internet junkie cannot buy the latest computer game over the Net as he or she doesn't have a credit card. But if they have a pre-pay card, they can load it up with pocket money and use it for Internet transactions.

Card transactions, rather than those undertaken with cash or cheques, give the issu-er of the card all sorts of valuable information about the customer's spending habits. which can be handed on to the direct marketing department. Expect to see everyone from Tesco to London Transport issuing pre-paid cards in the near future. The revolution will be thin, rectangular and

☐ The success of Shakespeare in Love, the mushy movie starring Joseph Fiennes as a playwright with writer's block and Gwyneth Paltrow as a crossdressing aristrocrat, has be largely attributed to Americans becoming misty-eyed about the Bard. Indeed, had it not been for an American, the late Sam Wanamaker, the actor and film-maker, Shakespeare's Globe theatre would not have been saved.

Now it seems some more Yanks, egged on by the Figure at the cinema, are putting their backing behind in fact, which is sponsorsing the theatre to the tune of £175,000.

However, this generosity has caused a slight problem. Unlike Ford, Panasonic and UBS, which have sponsored plays (UBS, appropriately given its management upheavals, backing Julius Caesari, Amex is putting the money into the infrastructure. However, having a sponsor's name on the theatre would not really be in keeping with the 16th century image of the Globe.

The answer is for Amex to sponsor a new exhibition in the undercroft, dedicated to Shakespeare and with American Express emblazoned prominently in the entrance

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### Sons also rise

RICHARD BUDGE is a man of ac-tion. Faced with the collapsing share price at RJB Mining, he has decided to strengthen his management team. Step forward a new director of mining services. He is only 27 but part of his job will be to "ensure RIB re-

mains a leading player on the world mining scene. Then there is the new

opencast director, heading up all the impany's considerable opencast operations. He is a shade older at 29. These two high achievers have one thing in common. Yes, you've guessed it. Grant and Kurt Budge are sons of the chief executive. Still, he could have appointed his brother. Tony, who has not been been around since his engineering group collapsed

FOLLOWING on from the strange symbol run by this column a few weeks ago — which was revealed as the signature of the company secretary at Carlion — Below is another

a couple of years ago.

odd imprint. This is the signature of person whose views will shape the new Europe. Who is he and what does this strange device say about him? Answers at the end of the column.

### Hello campers TO THE Oaklands Hotel in Weaver-

ham, Cheshire, where on March 10 Eurocamp shareholders will be asked to approve a name change to the tautological Holidaybreak. Readers will remember that Eurocamp's previous attempt to change its name - to Holidaymaker - was thwarted by Airtours, which has that as a trade name. However, I think it is tempting fate for Eurocamp to hold this meeting only a few miles from the home of Airtours's boss David Crosland.

### Sheepish

I KNOW where I will be, this Thurs-



Scrawl over: which powerful European does this signature belong to?



day, and that is on London Bridge. watching Peter Moore herd a sheep called Ramrod from Southwark into the City. Mr Moore is better known as the Town Cryer of Southwark, Docklands and most of London apart from the City, that is. However, the City attempted to make amends last year by granting him the Freedom of the City. This honour bestows the right to herd sheep across London Bridge. So he has borrowed Ramrod from a brewery in Wandsworth and is ready to exercise this right.

DAVID MICHELS has a fair bit on his plate as chief executive of Hilton International, not the least of which is what to call the combined Hilton/ Stakis hotel business in the UK. Yesterday Mr Michels said that although the new name would be "Hilton something, or something Hilton", for the time being he would be using the working title "Lakis". I think I prefer the name "Stilton".

#### Sour taste MY CONGRATULATIONS to the In-

stitute of Chartered Accountants and the Stock Exchange for selecting HP Bulmer, the cidermaker, for producing, along with Boots, the best annual report and accounts last year. Richard Sykes, the chairman of the

judges, commended Bulmers on "an outstanding example of corporate reporting". Shareholders, though, might wish that the Bulmers's management had not been quite so good at reporting the company's woes. The shares are amongst the biggest dogs on the market, currently languishing at a seven-year low.

#### **Moran more**

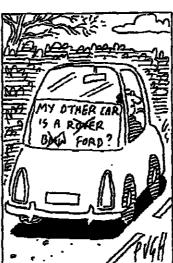
CONGRATULATIONS are also due to the House of Lords, which has ruled against the controversial financier, Christopher Moran, in a dispute about an office block in Gray's Inn Road. The details are extremely complex and were in a law report run in this paper last Friday, but the upshot is that Mr Moran is having to pay a small public company called Stratagem about £1.5 million.

I call Mr Moran to ask him how much of a blow this ruling is to his empire and his project to rebuild Crosby Hall on the banks of the Thames in Chelsea. "A mere dent," he tells me. "My business is in rude health."

AND the answer to the signature teaser is that Lawrence Warner, a graphologist, ran an instant blind test and concluded: "This seems to be an assertive person who likes to have the last word. He knows a lot of answers but might not always let on to other people what they are or let on much about himself." Which seems to be what everyone feared about Wim Duisenberg, President of the European Central Bank, whose signature it is.

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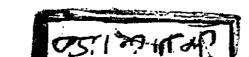
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DANCE A steamy sleazy Carmen for our times PAGE 34



# The brother and sister of all wars

ave you seen the bumper-sticker. 'Insanity is inherited, you get it your children? That would make a nice epigraph for the opening contribution to the ten-week, five-work season which, with excessive modesty. Hampstead Theatre calls a small drop of ink". I could cite you many plays since the 1950s which have accused parents of tyranny and oppression. It is refreshing to find a lively piece by an unknown writer, Matt Parker, which concedes that the jackboot can be on the other foot.

It is not just that Lee Oakes's gangling, gormless Craig has been playing truant in his GCSE year in order to have a secret affair with some rich. spoilt bitch and, now that she has rejected him, spends his time glumly slouching about or calling his unemployed dad a pathetic loser. That is mild stuff beside the problem posed by his sister. Jackie Morrison's Celaine. She has shut herself up in her bedroom for the past six years, communicating only by cryptic notes and thumps on the inside of her door - and ruling the house as if she were a Chinese empress and the sad little kitchen-cum-living-room below the Forbidden City.

THEATRE Celaine Hampstead

At first Celaine is content

simply to send back trays of food on the pretext that her mother hasn't washed her hands, or to fling hot water in the long-suffering woman's face. But then she speaks, and begins to talk of ending her isolation, sending the family into spirals of sympathetic zeal. Paul Copley's mild-mannered Dad, outrageously accused of neglect by the daughter who has rejected him, launches into the sort of frantic display of self-abasement one associates with Mao's victims. And soon he and Alison Fiske's dim. homely Mum are throwing out possessions, plastering up power-points, boarding up windows, stripping off wallpaper and pulling up carpets, all in obedience to the bonkers bird self-caged upstairs.

Parker says in the programme that this was "inspired by real events" and reveals in the play that Celaine was the victim of school bullies and has been unsuccessfully treated by the shrinks. But that hardly seems to explain

behaviour that, on both her parents' and her own side. seems more than a mite extreme. Maybe the play is stylistically akin to Kopit's Oh Dad. Poor Dad, about a vulturemother who keeps a dead husband on a hook in the closet, or Giles Cooper's spoof of adult infantilism, Happy Families. Maybe we should see it as a satire on the lengths to which parents will go to ap-

pease difficult children. Edward Hall's production left me happy to do just that, although there are aspects of the play that worry me. The author eventually loses interest in Craig, making it hard to understand why he is behaving like a crazed hermit one moment and making ultimate sacrifices for Celaine the next. Celaine's long last speech is more credible when it is imaginatively rambling than when it is suggesting that she feels love her beleaguered family. The symbolism — that dredger in the muddy estuary outside, that evil-looking eel Dad catches on his rod — seems over-emphatic, Still, here's a new author with an original take on family politics and a new play with genuine bite.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Some mothers do 'ave 'em: Celaine (Jackie Morrison) lends a hand in the continuing persecution of her mother (Alison Fiske) in Matt Parker's Celaine

### CONCERTS: A thousand unnatural shocks: Barenboim back on the piano stool; Grisey's ghosts remembered; moving spirit of jazz

Machaut, pride and glory of 14th-century France. I wouldn't know what had hit me on Saturday night. First. my Messe de Nostre Dame is prised out of its liturgical context and performed in a barren space apparently known as a concert hall. Secondly, the Kyrie, Gloria and all the rest are interspersed with sounds anderings of the Turkish flute. familiar to whirling dervishes. The Mass is performed, what is more, in a space previously occupied by exuberant Africans, immodestly dressed, who chant, thwack drums, rub

sticks, shake chests, sprawi on the floor and wave the odd leg. In theory Serge Dorny, artis-tic director of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, created this concert precisely to apply

### A multicultural marathon

Roots Day Festival Hall

shocks to the system, hurling cultures at one another and letting similarities emerge. His theme was ritual. An overlong African rainforest sampling by Zaire's Polyphony Ekonda was followed by Kent Nagano. the LPO, and the artful simplicities of Copland's Appalachian Spring. Then came the Machaut and Turkish flute. and the bloody tumult of The Rite of Spring, far removed from Copland's farmer and his bride building their nest in the Pennsylvanian hills.

Alas for Dorny, late 20thcentury audiences, daily bombarded by clashing sensations, are pretty hard to provoke, especially when three intervals allow them to file away each part of the concert in different sectors of the brain. As an experiment in cultural fusion, then, not much was achieved. The marathon made much better sense as an exercise in widening audiences. pulling into the hall people

drawn by the calypso. flamen-co and other ethnic flings held in the foyers in the afternoon. Was there enough to entice them back to a classical concert presented neat? At first

there were doubts. Only by the end of Appalachian Spring did Nagano find that tender simplicity and fresh-air glow that is the work's special glory - qualities more evident, anyhow, in the original chamber version. The Machaut. performed by the Hilliard Singers with Kudsi Erguner, cried out for a smaller venue, though a modest spell was cast. But then Stravinsky's Rite blasted across the auditorium, the brass and woodwind lustrously savage, the details clear, the pace electric. Machaut would have been frightened to death.

GEOFF BROWN

### Lion resumes his day job

aniel Barenboim is one of the few musicians in the world today who could accurately be described as legendary. His relatively rare appearances in this country as a conductor always generate excitement, but expectations at the Festival Hall on Sunday afternoon were even higher: this was his first London piano recital in a decade. If it marks a return to the regular solo work of which Barenboim has often talked, this will have been more than a memorable

concert. There was good news even before he had played a note: half this recital was devoted to Beethoven, a composer with whom Barenboim has always been especially associated. Here his performance of the Pathetique Sonata had expressive freedom, with a first movement full of little surprises but also architecturally strong. The Adagio was a deeply felt outpouring of melody, and in the finale a few fluffed notes seemed a small price to pay for such

Daniel Barenboim Festival Hall

Barenboim's towering natural musicianship is indeed what counts. He may no longer be at the height of his pianistic powers, but few other players could still deliver a more satisfying account of Beethoven's Sonata in E major, Op 109, and certainly not in between conducting Wagner operas. Here the suspense of his spacious opening was relieved in a rollercoasting Prestissimo and a set of massive variations that mixed poetry and vigour. The finale's theme had a profound spirituality that was only heightened by its re-

turn after such daring treatment. It was inspired programming to con-trast Beethoven with the First Book of Debussy's Preludes. Barenboim was just as illuminating here, justifying his note in the programme in which he protested

against the narrow "Impressionist" labely commonly applied to the composer. No. that he ignored the wash of sound called for in this music perhaps orchestral experience has even increased his feeling for

tone colour at the piano. Opening the sequence, Danseuses de Delphes was remarkable for its carefully shaded sonorities, but similar care was taken over Voiles, characterised by wholetone haziness, and the mysterious La cathédrale engloutie. Yet Barenboim proved that many of these works are about attack and articulation, and he caught the seductive warmth of Les collines d'Anacapri and the wit of La danse de Puck. He brought each of the 12 Preludes to life, none more miraculously than the etiolated Des pas sur la neige: it takes great artist to maintain the mood of such introspective music while simultaneously capturing the imagination of almost

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Reviewed by Simon Heighes DAZZLED by his later accomplishments as a composer and organist, we forget that Bach started out in life as a humble fiddler. One of his sons tells us that he played with a "clean and penetrating tone" and liked to direct the orchestra from the violin rather than the harpsichord. And that's the approach taken in the latest recordings of his violin concertos on period instruments.

With clean and incisive playing the violinist Andrew Manze leads the Academy of Ancient Music in the most exhilarating performance cur-rently available. But choosing this version doesn't mean sacrificing the joys of a warm and passionate slow movement. To recreate the kind of emotional charge which would have excited Bach's original audiences at the court of Köthen in the 1720s. Manze and second violinist Rachel Podger risk adding expressive ornamentation. Some comes from Bach himself (from his later arrangement of the concerto for two harpsichords), but what they invent themselves stands up less well to repeated listening. But this is a performance full of fresh insights - risk-tak-

ing, mercurial and as thrilling as the news that from April it will be available at budget price. On modern instruments. Arthur Grumiaux and Herman Krebbers with the Solistes Romands conducted by Arpad Gerecz offer some of the most intense delights on the market. But for sheer sustained inspiration and delving, charismatic solo playing Jascha Heifetz and Emil Friedman with Sir Malcolm Sargeni and the New London Symphony Orchestra (RCA 09026 61746-2. \$10.49) are still

unbeatable after 30 years. Heifetz's Bach is precise but passionate: soulful but never sentimental. As the glorious slow movement unfolds with the sensuality of a love duet. we realise that we're in the company of Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard, not Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. But there is nothing old-fashioned about the speeds, which are dramatically propulsive and neck-and-neck with the Academy of Ancient Music, Even the middle movement lingers not a moment too long. With superb digitally remastered sound and one of the world's greatest violinists, it is

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### musical insights. **Spiritual** cry for help

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to Bernd Alois Zimmermann's Trumpet Concerto 45 years after it was written, it is impossible to hear it just for itself. You simply cannot forget that the com-poser of Nobody Knows de Trouble I See (its alternative title) was to kill himself to years later - which makes the gradual unfolding of the spiritual on which it is based all the more poignant.

It is also with the benefit of hindsight that we can appreciate the work for its extraordinary anticipation of later developments, in its appropriation of sounds and techniques associated with jazz trumpeters such as Charlie Parker and Miles Davis. Admiration for Zimmermann's courage in doing that tends to draw attention away from the fact that his mixture of New York bebop and Darmstadt serialism

is not entirely convincing. However, with a trumpeter such as Hakan Hardenberger working alongside a sympa-thetic conductor like Sakari Oramo, stylistic integration is not a problem. Hardenberg-er's focused sound, his com-mand of the finest nuances of colour, his apparently effortless ease at the extremes of the range, his awareness of the line rather than his own star situation, all draw the ear into the emotional inspiration of a work which, now, seems like the beginning of a cry for help. The other two works in the

City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's concert in Symphony Hall, both of them somewhat laboured in interpretation, were Mozart's little G minor Symphony No 25. K183, and Tchaikovsky's Fifth in E minor. Oramo's pacing of the Tchaikovsky was only marginally on the slow side and it did have its advantages in emphasising the ominous intentions of the introduction, for example, and in allowing time for the phrasing of the more graceful melodies in the first and third movements. The Andante cantabile was beautifully done. but even here the spontaneous

impulse was sometimes miss-That same problem was more in evidence in the first movement which needed a stronger expressive urge as well as a more propulsive rhythmic continuity. It was particularly acute in the finale, which is in danger of sounding ponderous if it is treated as the measured climax to a respectable symphonic construction and not allowed just a little hysteria as it There is dissolution, memory reaches its disproportionate.

GERALD LARNER

overstated conclusion.

Tribute to a rare talent



The French composer Gerard Grisey died last year, before Britain had really caught up with him. Represented occasionally in small concerts at the Institut Français and promoted by fellow composers, such as George Benjamin, his ingenious, spectral soundworld has been heard more in the music

of others than his own. If "spectral" means exploring the insides of sounds to find new sources of music, the pre-concert performance of Ac-cords Perdus (Lost Chords) made the perfect calling card. Two horns sliding down their own gleaming twine of natuharmonics (brilliantly played by Michael Thompson and Richard Clews) formed a telling aperitif to Grisey's final work. Four Songs for Crossing the Threshold. It is hard not to find in these songs, all about death, a chilling premonition.

and pain in every note. The soprano Valdine Anderson's performance of the songs had an exquisite fragile anxie-

ty. The first song, concernit the "death of dreams", rost from disconcerting warblings of muted brass to the voice and trumpet's passionate embrace. In the second song a litany of Ancient Egyptian sarcophagi is underpinned by a microtonally dissonant harp bass - a more primitive sound is hard to imagine. Then a polyphony of pattering drums scampers towards the final song, the "death of humanity". What emerges is a tender, uneasy lullaby. The shapes and spacing are familiar, but there is a strong sense of hearing a from an ancient language.

grammar, a syntax reworked Grisey's songs were en-chained by interludes of "sonic dust", creating a sense of con-tinual music. For Pierre Boulez, the idea of continuously un-folding music is a creative & namic. Here we heard Benjamin and the London Sinfonietta play a new version of Sur Incises, once a ten-minute piano piece, now a 40-minute ensemble composition. The combination of pianos, harps and marimbas promised a ravishing wash of colours, and the performers delivered it in style. The pianos, ably played by John Constable, Cathryn Edwards and Richard Lacey. may often work in rhythmic

unison, but the attack of Boulez's earlier style is gone.
Strangely, Wolfgang Rihm's premiere, Compressed Symphony, revived that dry knockabout aesthetic of earlier dia ades, with its manic oboe monody and mordant string and

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VISUAL ART: Never in thrall to any movement, the elusive Patrick

Caulfield is on show at the

### Hayward. Richard Cork reports

Ithough people only appear a few times in Patrick Caulfield's immensely reward-Hayward retrospective, their presence is implied in everything he has painted. The plastic chairs grouped around a circular table in his Dining Recess are all empty, but they seem to be waiting for guests to arrive. Nobody sits behind the desk filling half of Inner Office, and yet its regular occupant has probably just left for the evening. Even Window at Night, where an orange light discloses the emptiness of a room as bare and anonymous as an Edward Hopper interior, might at any second be invaded by a figure. We find ourselves, voyeur-like, peering in from the dark and wondering when the moment will arrive.

Caulfield has never shown any interest in places unfrequented by humanity. In 1964, only a year after he left the Royal College of Art, this diehard urbanite made the surprising decision to paint a panoramic View of the Bay. But the lyrical expanse of water saturating so much of the picture's surface is peppered with boats. Three minuscule swimmers can just be detected, sunning themselves on a diving platform. And buildings line the seafront. This is a seascape given over to holiday pleasures, and the bunting slung across the fore-ground confirms the festive

Caulfield himself had plenty to celebrate at the time. No sooner did he emerge from the Royal College than a rash of promine mounted, announcing that a fresh generation of young painters was transfusing British art with a stream of confi-

dent, often witty innovation. But although the subjects he favoured had something in common with the consumerist brashness of Pop, the elusive Caulfield has always stood at a remove from movements. The nearest he has come to declaring his allegiance as an artist is in the 1963 Portrait of Juan Gris, where the blue-suited Spanish Cubist hovers on an orange ground flanked by girder-like fragments of thrust-

ing form. The debt he owed to Cubism at that precocious stage in his career has never been rescinded. At its most overt, the Cubist influence is declared in his enduring love of still life. Early on, he limits himself to a colitary perfume jar, marooned on a flat, striped surface. By the time he painted a tall canvas called Pottery in 1969, his enthusiasm for pots, plates, jugs and bowls could be restricted no longer. They crowd every available centime tre of the surface, and Caulfield's insistence on pictorial flamess means that even the most distant objects press themselves on to our vision.

However clamorous Pottery may seem, it is still controlled by a highly rigorous sensibili-ty. Caulfield's characteristic

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black lines are reduced to defirring contours alone, and this simplification lends a purged discipline to the picture. In other respects, though, the horror vacui in Pottery marks it out as an untypical work. Most of his subsequent paintings allow emptiness to take on an eloquence of its own. In Dining Recess, a remarkable amount of the picture is devoted to the vertical lines of a plain wooden wall. Dark grey, like the ta-ble and chairs beneath, they suggest how much Caulfield may have learnt from the austerity of Minimalism.

On the whole, however, Caulfield prefers to balance areas of plainness against pas-sages where complication is given its head. The bareness of the lime-yellow walls in his deserted Foyer is offset, at one side, by a distant glimpse of a bar crammed with bottles, barrels and the whole paraphernalia of designer boozing. Paradise Bar, an especially delectable canvas flooded in the main with a sumptuous cherry red. explodes behind the counter into a freewheeling, fizzy inter-pretation of a kitsch alpine mural. Its exclamatory tints risk plunging the whole picture into garishness. But Caulfield pulis it off, largely because he knows how to pitch excess

knows how to pitch excess against sobriety.

This pictorial juggling act reaches a state of ideal poise in After Lunch, where the restaurant's shadowy interior is confined largely to two soothing shades of blue. A bow-tied waiter leans wearily on a ledge, eyelids down. All this gentie, settled torpor is challenged, however, by the bright lakeside mural inserted so sublakeside mural inserted so sub-versively in the panelled wall. It is painted with virtuoso cunning, proving that Caulfield can make acrylic paint simu-late the blandness of a tourist photograph. Then he adds to the stylistic melange by plac-ing a goldfish tank in front of the mural Rendered in a

of seeing within a single can-vas. Since then, he has developed it to an intoxicating ex-ての・リソンUS

this sly homage to Matisse sets up a blatant style war at

the heart of this sleepy room.
Painted in 1975, After Lunch
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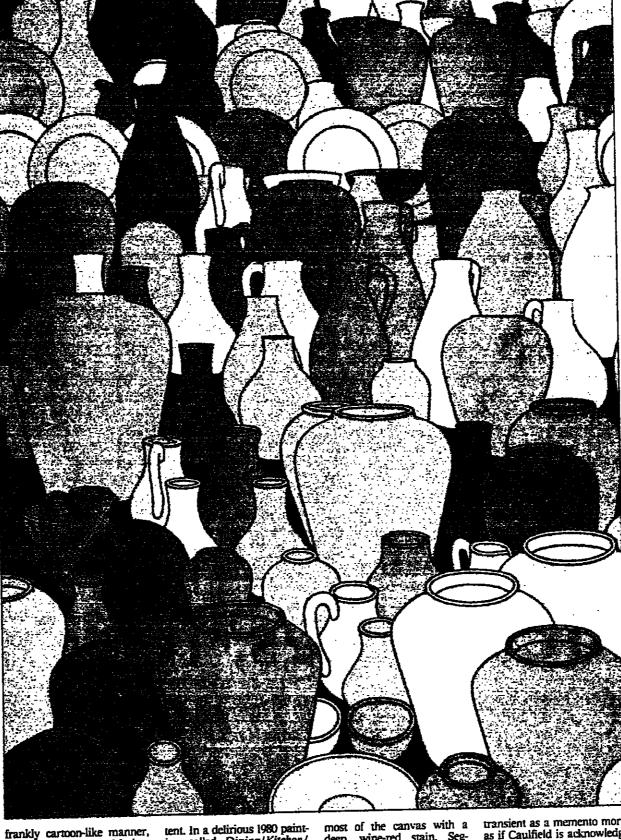
tent. In a delirious 1980 painting called Dining/Kitchen/ Living, he takes advantage of the room's open-plan architecture to dramatise a free-flowing interplay between different modes of depiction. At each side, the dining and liv-ing areas are handled in Caulfield's most familiar manner, halfway between the com-ic-book and the diagram. Between them, however, mayhem breaks out. Gaudy. retover the largest area. And on the foreground table, a casserole dish is painted to resemble a photographic illustration. The degree of skilled illusionism Caulfield achieves here with acrylic and brush is astounding: even close to, the casserole still looks like a col-

lage cut from a cookery book.
If Caulfield's work simply amounted to a series of dextrous tricks, it would not command attention for long. But as we move through this limpidly installed survey, his underlying purpose becomes clear. The spatial manipulations grow more ambiguous and provocative, daring us to find our bearings in rooms that swell, stretch and bend according to mysterious impera-tives. Stylistic game-playing is still evident, for he has not lost one iota of his sty wit. But it is subservient, now, to a deepen-

ing sense of melancholy.

Like the waiter with the lowered lids in After Lunch, Caulfield seems more and more prone to a state of reverie. The overall colours deployed in a superb series of grand 1996 interiors are darker and denser than before. One painting. Happy Hour. sums up the mood.

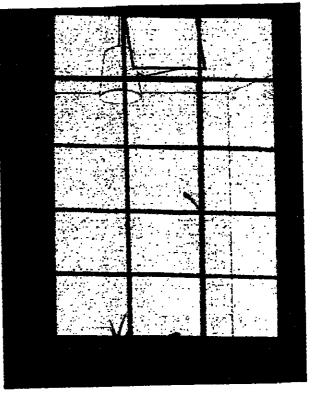
Five bottles sit on a shelf near the centre. The colour of the liquid in each vessel seems to have leaked out and covered



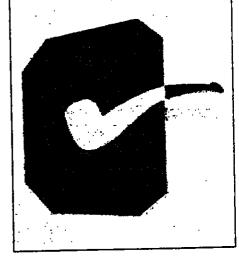
most of the canvas with a deep, wine-red stain. Seg-ments of light flare in the dark The room's consoling warmth is nevertheless threatened by a rectangle of hard, brilliant whiteness, where the word EXIT is inscribed on a sign. It suddenly makes the whole painting look as fragile and

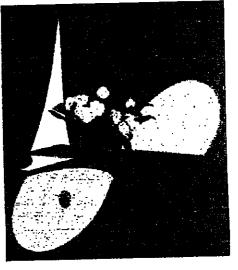
as if Caulfield is acknowledg-ing that the invitation extended by Happy Hour must terminate in a farewell.

 Patrick Caulfield at the Hayward Gallery (0171-928 3144) until April 11. His print retrospective opens at the Alan Cristea Gallery. 31 Cork St. Wl. today

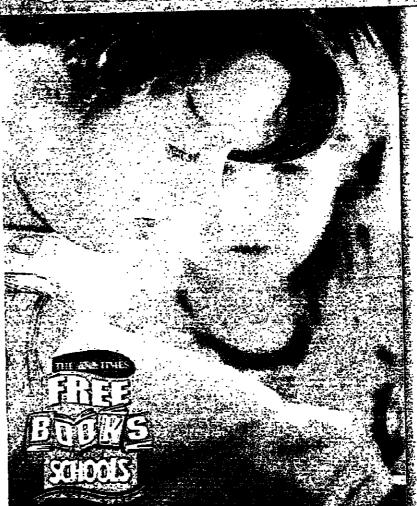


Caulfield life in the crammed canvas Pottery. painted in Above: Window at Night, from the same year, makes voyeurs of us all. waiting for a figure to enter. Right: 1990's Pipe and Below right Registry Office. painted just two years ago, suggests Caulfield has lost none of his although the colours have darker and









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### AROUND THE GALLERIES

lectual show in which a group of artists use scientific theory as a springboard for imagination. Tacita Dean's film about Indegular bonding may sound impenetrable but is strangely luscious with its gleaming red globules. And, as a steady mechanistic tic of flashing lights grows ever more insistent, the study accrues a sinister edge. The delicate arabesques of a silver wire in Three Fathoms in a Thimble are more than just graceful. Cornelia Parker teases with wrong way-round ide-as as the thread of a thimble is drawn through a needle's eye. Efizabeth Wright, with a chemist's fascination for residues, and a physicist's interest in force, drags the impossible tyre tracks of an exuberant motorcyclist across the gallery floor.

Frith Street Gallery, 59-60 Frith St. WI

Appliance of Science is an elegant, intel-

(0171-494 1550) until March 18 ONCE Gwen Hardie painted full female figures, but over the years she has fo-Bused on sections and ambiguous fragments of torsos. Her current show takes this progression to an extreme. Abstract canvases line the walls. Close up they are fields of monotonal colour, but step back and shadows drift through skins of paint.

The eye chases symmetries across sensual surfaces - and then loses them. Patterns precipitate and dissolve. Hardie shows little influence of the big, brash Baselitz un-der whom she once studied. Eastern religions are her inspiration now.

Beaux Arts. 22 Cork St. WI (0171-437 5799)

until March 6

☐ TO TITLE a show Men on Women, Women on Men poses a multitude of in-terpretations. This battle of the sexes is rich in its range: erotic, wistful, jokey, ten-der, romantic, lustful and, perhaps most importantly, not too expensive. Prices range from £40 to £2,000, making this show a useful stop-off point in the run-up to St Valentine's Day.
Bankside Gallery. 48 Hopton St., SE1 (0171-928 7521) until Feb 21

☐ CUT deep into the rocky earth, the 11 churches of Lalibela in the Ethiopian highlands enshrine the mysteries of Ancient Abyssinian faith and, supposedly, of the Knights Templar. Based in Addis Ababa for two years, Charlie Millar captured the atmosphere of these sacred places. A full moon floats over glittering Coptic scripts. The carbon paper Millar paints

on may have started as a necessity, but it comes to characterise his art. Gallery 27, Cork St. WI (0171-734 7595) un-

☐ WHEN it comes to art, the word Victorian is often taken as a term of disparagement. But the 19th century was also an era of immense ingenuity and intellectual complexity, and as such it provides the inspiration for the group show Secret Victorians. Whaleboned dresses, waxwork effigies, stylised silhouettes and daguerrotypes may appear at first like the clutter of some fusty museum display, but preconceptions are unsettled by a sharp contemporary take. Kara Walker's black and white cutouts show disturbing racism and sly sexual deviance. Arts and Crafts wallpaper can't paper over the ugly detrints of industrial life in Jeffrey Dennis's work. Stephen Pippin harnesses the twin Victorian inventions of railway and photography by converting a train lavatory into a cam-

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BAREFACED CHIC: Fascinating Aida play here for a month before setting oil on their latest national bour. This time Clarke Peters directs.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket (0171-930 8800). Opens tonight, 7pm.

THE KISSING DANCE: The budding talents of the National Youth Music Theatre stage their latest exching production. A musical adaptation of



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a selection of works by 20th-century composers. The concert includes Compuses: In content instances Sartak's Divertments, Indiamed by British and Tippett before concluding with Strauss's Metamorphosen. Queen Elizabeth Hall (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.45pm. (§)

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE RELDS: As part of its 40th-armiversity season and the BBC's Sounding the Century lestival, the renowned orchestra under long Brown performs

AND THE BROTHER TOO: Earno Monssey returns to the numbels come writings of Flash O'Brien, revealing more about "Yer Men" and his curious view of the world.

LIVERPOOL: Paul Miller directs a touring production of Jonathen Harvey's uneven and quirky new view. Hustrative Mountain. Dead play, Hushabye Mountain. Dead Danny enjoys the company of Judy Garland in Heaven while how boythend on Earth copes with the hole in his life. Until Saturday. an (0151-709 4776). Open NORWICH: After a successui tour o

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III THE STREET OF CROCODILES; Welcome return for Theatre de Compliche's inventive staging of Bruno Schulz's magical recollections of pre-Nazi Poland.

Queens (0171-494 5041).

☐ VASSA: Shella Hancock heads a tentisc cast, playing the lamily magiarch in Gorky's strong drama. Howard Davies directs.

III THE TEMPEST: David Calder excellent in Adnah Noble's colourly

RSC production from Stratford Barblean (0171-638 8891). (5)

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a) LITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EUNUCHS: Ewan McGregor in the little role of a sentimentalised revival of David Halliwell's play about art-student failure and tascern.

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#### NEW RELEASES

HIDEOUS KINKY (15): Kate Winster HIDEOUS KINKY (15): Kore winser plays a raive young mother who takes her two daughters on the hypie trail to Morocco in the early 1970s. Beautifully shot film by Gillies MacKinnon that is surprisingly un-judgemental. With Said Taghmaoul, Tatte Den and Cosse Million 

LIVING OUT LOUD (15): Fitful romance with Holly Hunter and Denny Devito as an odd couple who meet the elevator. Cracking performances fail to unlock the stalemate.

**HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE** woman, Angela Bassett, falls for a Jamacan toy boy (Taye Diggs). De-spite the chemistry, there is nothing to this eventioning holiday brochuse from director Kevin Rodney Sullivar

A BUGS LIFE (U): A colony of cute. delinquent gang of grasshoppers.
Dazzing, bug-eyed perspectives from Distrey and Pagar, John (Toy Story)

PECKER (15) John Waters's sabre or, the art world lacks his usual bite but there are enough bad-laste mo-mants to Wesp the humour bubbing. Web Edward Furlong, Chintona Roco

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15). SHARESPEANER IN COVER (19). Thrilling normalize comedy with a cracking server by Marc Norman and Torn Stoppart. Gwyneth Pallizow acets as the Bard's cross-dressing muse. John Madden directs. STEPMOM (12): Julia Roberts is the STEPMON (12: Julia Hoberts is the hapless new woman in Ed Harrs's life, and Susan Sarandon the termi-mrally ill ex-wife. The two sport luds, Jena Malone and fan Airen, give it a high Kleenex rating, Retendessly sincere movie by Chris Columbus.

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LITTLE VOICE (15): Mark Herman's wonderful version of Jim Cartwright's stage ht. Jane Hornocks sings glorous covers of torch song divas. Michael Coine, Evan McGregor. Brenda Blethyn and Jim Broadbert sleaze around in the foreground.



The choreographer Didy Veldman rehearses principal dancers for Northern Ballet Theatre's updated version of Carmen, opening later this month

# Sex, drugs, rock'n'roll

hristopher was a crusader. His drive and unbridled enthusiasms saved Northern Ballet Theatre from extinction. Back in 1988 he went out on stage night after night and appealed to audience members to write to their MPs, to the Arts Council, to 10 Downing Street, to anyone who might help to keep his company afloat. The force of his personality, and the force

of his argument, did the trick. When Christopher arrived here." says the NBT's senior ballerina Jayne Regan, "we were the fourth or fifth ballet company in Britain. Today we are the No I dance theatre. Christopher did that. He set out to create a niche for us. a unique way of performing that

The power of Gable's vision can be seen in the full houses. extended tours and hefty business sponsorship, plus of course a lottery scheme that is meant to provide NBT with a purpose-built home in Leeds by 2002. Gable did his iob so. well that even his death from cancer last October did not mark the end for NBT. Today no one doubts the company is strong enough to survive him.

And this is Carmen? The death of its founder has not subdued Northern Ballet Theatre, says Allen Robertson

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"We are so successful that I am regularly forced to turn down booking offers," says NBT's executive director. Mark Skipper. "We could not dance any more performances

gan the task of pruning and barefoot. Gable didn't much

do. And we have built up such loyal audiences in this country that I often have to say no to invitations from abroad." In the process of all this success. NBT has even managed to balago we had a deficit of half a million. This year it's gone." The company's populist sur

cess has not come without drawbacks. Hits such as the perennial favourite 4 Christmas Carol or the record-creaking Dracula are strong on atmosphere but weak on choreography. The intense theatri-cality of Gable's productions has often been achieved despite, rather than in tandem with, the dancing, But now it seems as if Carmen, which opens a long tour in Leeds on February 22, could restore and

reographic credibility to NBT. Didy Veldman is Carmen's choreographer. A member of Rambert Dance Company since 1994, the Dutch-born dancer began her career in Amsterdam with the classical company Scapino. Carmen is her first full-length show.

Importantly, for Veldman's sense of verisimilitude, neither Carmen nor anyone else in the cast is donning pointe shoes. In fact most of the cast will be like that notion, but Veldman won the argument by repeatedly insisting that ballet shoes would not be true to the story. "I'm trying to find a way of gelling movement together with acting, so that we don't

The positive feeling of this place: that is the legacy of Christopher

suddenly get into 'a dance number' without understanding why that dance number is there." Veldman explains.

Gable?

"My main thing is trying to be real. Nothing is there as a gimmick. There has to be a better reason. Christopher and I have that in common. We're giving to explain to an audience why this is happening." Veldman and Gable had be-

gun working on the scenario more than a year ago. That's also when John Longstaff be-

adapting Bizet's score to suit the ballet. The outcome is an updated version set somewhere in South America. "It's hot. It's now," says Veldman. "We're talking about an underworld, drugs, the mafia."

Carmen still works in a ciga-rette factory — because, Veldman says, everybody knows how large a role digarettes play in the Third World's black economy. Her bullfighter has been transformed into a modern celebrity. One of the original ideas was to make him a footballer; but, in the event he has become a rock star -- rich, powerful, glamorous and involved in the sort of high-living activity that skirts the shady side of the law.

Everyone connected with Carmen is convinced they have a huge success in the making. Veldman modestly insists that much of this is down to the dancers. "Of course they are nervous without Christopher and they don't really know what is going to happen. It is so sad that he's gone. But. you see, he is still here. He educated all these dancers in his way. The positive feel of this place, that is him."

Nervousness and uncertainty are things Mark Skipper wants to eradicate as quickly as possible. Mindful of that other northern troupe, Scottish Ballet, which is moving into its second year without a new artistic director, Skipper wants Gable's successor in place by the end of March.

We have winnowed the shortlist down to eight people and we are already inviting them here to talk to us, to see and meet the company. If the right person turns up, and I think they will, what's the

hree weeks after Carmen opens NBT will be back at Sadler's Wells with Dracula. It is the first London visit for the company in five years, but plans are already being negotiated for Carmen to be seen at Sadler's Wells in 2000. Coming to the capital is a

gamble because NBT's tour funding from the Arts Council doesn't extend to London visits. Even so, Skipper believes now is the right time because the company's main sponsor, the Halifax, has agreed to advance extra money to make it viable. "Besides, the way we're looking at it our return to London is a big step into the future. Christopher would have been so proud." Carmen is at the Grand. Leeds

(0113-222 6222) from Feb 22: Drac-ula is at Sadiers Wells (0171-863 80001 from Mar 17

### In the land of the free

ree jazz is undergoing something of a renaissance. In part, at least. While the homegrown version still suffers from a species of benign neglect, the American article, whether played by its few remaining pioneers -Cecil Taylor their doyen - or, as here, by second-generation practitioners such as David S. Ware, seems at last to be reoriving the attention its potency and originality merit.

Saxophonist/flautist Roscoe Mitchell, most famous for his work with the Art Ensemble of Chicago, began this three-part OEH concert in duo with planist Matthew Shipp. In two pieces, during the first of which Mitchell restricted himself to alto, but utilising both flutes and soprano in the second, he built up to invigorating climaxes from quietly exploratory be-ginnings, shadowed and sustained all the way by Shipp's

restlessly probing piano.
Patiently and elegantly,
Mitchell and Shipp created music in which textural and dynamic variation, rather than regular rhythm and predictable chord changes, provid-

ed their artistic impetus, but

each piece, at its conclusion. stood satisfyingly complete.

Shipp was also on hand for saxophonist Ware's segment

of the programme, leading a rhythm section completed by bassist William Parker and drummer Susie Ibarra. Like Mitchell, Ware has

clearly been profoundly influenced by the free music of the late 1950s and 1960s that reached its apogee in Coltrane's later work. Unlike Mitchell's, however, his quartet music has relatively convenbass riffs, scrambling heads, the occasional straightforward theme - for its subsequent improvisational freedom. It is Ware's tenor sound, though, that grabs the attention: rich, almost fruity -- even the tuning-up process elicited massive, ringing tones from him it enables him to invest his music with extraordinary power and majesty, faultlessly pro-pelled by Ibarra's supple strength and by the constant inventiveness of Shipp and

With a shortish second half involving all five musicians in fierce collective improvisation, this was a compelling, uplifting evening's music. The question, however, remains: why don't equally exhilarating UK bands — Mujician, Dreamtime. Elton Dean's various outfits — receive similar acclaim?

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# Let the people see the Lockerbie trial

the forthcoming Lockerbie bomb trial in The Netherlands. As a trial and as a broadcast, this would make legal history. Two Libyans, Ali Mohammed al-Megrahi and al-Amin Khalifa Fhima, are accused of planting the bomb that exploded on Pan Am Flight 103, on December 21, 1988. In all, 270 people died, including people on the ground in Lockerbie.

The trial, to be held under Scottish law, in a specially built courtroom, will be Britain's biggest mass-murder case. Instead of a jury, there

The move by the BBC represents the sternest test yet for a set of strict legal guidelines an-nounced in 1992 by Lord Hope of Craighead, who was then Lord President, the head of the Scottish judiciary. The guide-lines resulted in BBC2's pioneering documentary The Trial. Known as practice directions, they were specifically designed to encourage documentary and educational programmes. The directions state that they will allow "the use of TV in other cases where there would be no risk to the administration of justice".

The practice directions made it possible for TV cameras to film cases in the Court of Session and the High Court of the Justiciary, north of the border. However, TV cameras are There is no good legal reason to ban television coverage from inside the Dutch courtroom, say Dan Hogan and Dr Paul Mason

England and Wales under Clause 41 of the 1925 Criminal Alistair Bonnington, the BBC's legal adviser in Scot-

land, is making a strong case to the Scottish judiciary to allow the corporation to film the Lockerbie trial. He to take place in America, it would have been tele-vised. Without TV coverage, it would be difficult for relatives to follow pro-

ceedings. Mr Bonnington said: "My view is that television is fulfilling a democratic function by providing people with the opportunity to view something which in normal circumstances would not be convenient or expedient to do

Under the practice directions, the presiding judge would still have the final word on what footage could be broadcast. Mr Bonnington said that, ideally, editorial con-

banned from courtrooms in trol should belong to the BBC. It is unclear whether the guidelines would allow "gavel to gavel" live coverage as in the O.J. Simpson and Louise Woodward trials. These state:

> 'In view of the risks to the administration of justice. the televising of current proceedings in criminal cases at will not be permitway, is ted in any circumstances." the case However, Mr.

> Bonnington said. for the first time in the Scottish system, century' would be heard in a higher court without a jury.

That removes a huge barrier. A big problem with contemporaneous reporting is when jurors go home at night and watch TV news and the selectivity of editing skews their memory. The judges will, Mr Bonnington said, be "perfectly capable" of being above such media distractions.

Nick Catliff, the producer of The Trial is working hard with the BBC to ensure that

mas with the American broadcasting company ABC and it was blithely assuming that there would be television cameras in court."

• Dan Hogan and Dr Paul Mason are co-ordinators of the Southampton Institute Centre for Media and Justice. The issue of broadcasting in British criminal trials will be the subject of the Cameras in the Courtroom Conference at the Southampton Institute on Friday. For conference details phone 01703 319509 or e-mail dan.hogan@solent.ac.uk.

### When legal and judicial functions no longer mix

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The judgment by his colleagues that Lord Hoffmann should not have par-ticipated in the Pinochet case, given his close connections with Amnesty International, is having an immediate impact on judicial practice. Judges are now declaring interests, however remote, before they hear cases. A recent European Commission of Human Rights decision confirms that more fundamental questions about judicial practice are posed by the concepts of independence and impartiality. Careful consideration will need to be given to whether the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, may continue to sit as a judge in the House of Lords and whether the law lords should remain members of the Upper House of Parliament.

Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights states that litigants and defendants are entitled to a fair hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal. The Eu-

ropean Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg has said that it is not sufficient that the judge is independent and impartial. It is also necessary that the judge appears so, in order to exclude any legitimate doubt on the matter. in McGonnell v United

Kingdom, the European Commission of Human Rights decided (by 25 to 5) that the Royal Court of Guernsey was not an independent and impartial tribunal within the meaning of Article 6. Mr McGonnell was refused planning permission to build a dwelling house on his land. When he appealed to the Royal Court, it was presided over by the Bail-

iff of Guernsey, who decides questions of law. The Commission noted that the Bailiff has other functions in Guernsey. He is President of the legislature and head of the island's administration.

The Commission found that these other functions "did not directly impinge on his judicial duties in the case" of Mr McGonnell. and that the Bailiff "spends most of his time in judicial functions". Nevertheless, the Commission concluded that "it is incompatible with the requisite appearances of independence and impartiality for a judge to have legislative and executive functions as substantial as those" carried out by the Bailiff. Those other functions meant that "his independence and impartiality are capable of appearing open to doubt". That was enough to establish a breach of Article 6. The ruling would have been applauded by Thomas Jefferson, who argued that concentrating such functions in the same hands "is precisely the defi-

nition of despotic government". The principle in McGonnell, if upheld by the European Court, would apply similarly to the role of the Lord Chancellor when sitting as a member of the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords. He is a legislator who presides in the Upper House, and he is an important member of the executive (a minister who chairs some Cabinet committees). So even though the Lord Chancellor's other responsibilities do not directly affect the per-formance of his judicial functions, there are strong institutional reasons based on the principle of separation of powers for concluding that he is not independent and impartial. That argument is particularly forceful in any case concerning matters of public policy on which the Government may have a view, or any case affecting the interests of the executive for example a revenue appeal.

As explained by Lord Eldon, Lord Chancellor at the beginning of the 19th century, there is a heavy price to pay if a Lord Chancellor is

to be part of the legislature, ex-ecutive and judiciary. The in-cumbent "must give his nights as well as his days" to the performance of the duties. and must "pursue them even in the retirement of his house. and in the privacy of his closer". The European Convention may be about to lighten the burdens of the Lord Chancellor by preventing him from exercising judicial functions. Whether the law lords

should continue to sit in Pariament is one of the topics to be considered by the Royal Commission into the future of the House of Lords, under the chairmanship of Lord Wake-ham. A number of law lords sit on parliamentary commit-

tees, and speak and vote on controversial matters of policy. This mix of legislative and judicial functions has long been difficult to reconcile with a principle of separation of powers. The problems will be exacerbated when, some time in the next millennium, the Government brings into effect the Human Rights Act 1998, making Convention rights part of domestic law and so requiring judges to make their own judgment about the bal-ance between individual rights and the interests of the State.

The Lord Chancellor and the judiciary have welcomed the Human Rights Act as bringing Convention rights home. They should recognise that the constitutional reform promoted by the Convention will include changes to their own working arrange-ments so that the Lord Chancellor is no longer a part-time judge and the law lords are no longer part-time politicians.

• The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.



The Chambers of John Goldring QC at 9 Bedford Row have the pleasure of announcing that Mr. Martin Wilson QC (formerly of 1 Serjeants Inn) will be joining chambers on 1st March 1999 as a tenant.

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special legal dinner last week held to raise funds for the Labour Party. The tights, in a double frame complete with photo of the wearer, fetched £1,000. Garry Hart, the Lord Chancellor's special adviser — who was auctioneer, along with Lord Falconer of Thoroton, now Minister for the Dome - insisted that they had been

But mystery surrounded the buyer. It was none other than Valerie Davies, a partner with Norton Rose and wife of Hart, who bought the lot as a brithday present for her husband, 59 in June.

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The highest price in the auction - sponsored by Dibb Lupton Alsop - was for a drawing of the Dome by Richard Rogers, signed by both Peter Mandelson and Lord Falconer. This raised £1,300.

Geoff Hoon, Minister of State at the Lord Chancellor's Department, has fired a warning shot across the bows of the Law Society's Office for the Supervision of Solicitors (OSS). There have been growbe stripped of the right to deal with complaints against solicitors. Asked in a written question last week by the Tory MP Dav-id Amess what steps he was taking to "monitor the OSS", Mr Hoon said

that he was waiting to see the Legal Services Ombudsman Ann Abraham's next annual report. "She stated in her last annual report that though the office had made some improvements since it started operating in September 1996, there is still a long way to go," he ex-plained. "When the Ombudsman publishes her next annual report this summer, I will consider whether any further action is necessary."

☐ David McIntosh, senior partner at Davies Arnold Cooper, has spent a lot of time recently trying to help the Law Society out of its troubles and stood for the vice-presidency last year. Now his own firm is experiencing some troubles of its own. It has just undergone a strategy shake-up and as part of the changes, at least five partners will leave.

☐ Professor Richard Susskind, techie guru and adviser to the legal establishment on all things to do with computers,

has a new title: IT adviser to the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Susskind will speak under this title at a conference next week on the future of law and the politics of order.

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Susskind is in a key position: he advised Lord Woolf on his legal reforms to the civil courts; he advises the Court Service on computerising the courts, and is now advising the judiciary, and all on a part-time salary, thought to be about £10,000. His main work is private consulting, for the likes of Clifford Chance.

The Internet is increasingly useful as a disseminator of information but there are limits to its usefulness. Last month the Lord Chancellor's Department posted the long-awaited new civil procedure rules on its website. Lawyers are desperate to get their hands on the rules to prepare for the Woolf reforms. But many complain the document is so long it is almost impossible to download it. One poor technician at a set of chambers is reported to have spent an entire weekend unsuccessfully trying to print out the rules.

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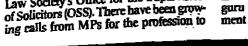
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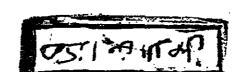
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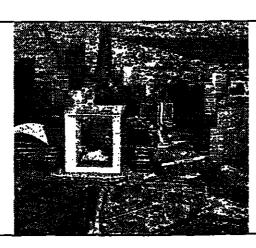


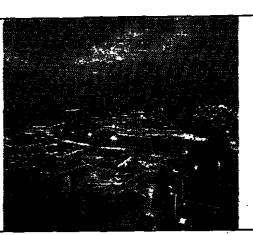


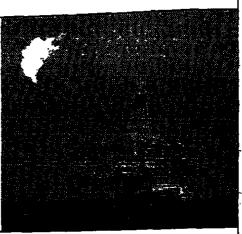












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Police go into action during a hippy protest at Stonehenge: the line may look strong but a critical lack of public confidence is damaging the force's own morale

viduals turn every year to the civil courts to seek redress for assault, false arrest and malicious prosecution. Between 1991 and 1995, 886 people successfully sued the Metropolitan Police, but only one officer was convicted of a criminal offence.

The Police Complaints Authority (PCA) is independent of the police, but nonetheless it relies on the police to conduct their own investiga-tions. Of 18,314 recorded complaints in 1997, only 214 were substantiated. A "success rate" of just over 1 per cent raises the question: does the

current system really work? The inquiry into the death of the young black South Lon-doner, Stephen Lawrence, in a racist attack has made that question even more relevant. The inquiry's report, due to be released this month, is bound to make strong recommendations for reform of the

police complaints system. The "critical lack of public confidence" identified by the Home Affairs Select Committee is not surprising. And as Lord Colville said in 1992: "If a disciplinary system seldom if ever reaches an adverse decision, it is more likely that the system is faulty than that nobody in that profession or discipline ever makes even the most minor mistake or commits some foible. The profession or discipline loses

Holding the thin blue line in place more in efficiency and useful-ness than its individual mem-

ceived immunity." Calls for an independent investigation authority (IIA) are no longer heard solely from academics, lawyers. campaigners and complain-ants. There is an emerging consensus on this issue, which includes the select committee and the Police Federation, in response to the committee's recommendations, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has announced that feasibility studies will be undertaken, and that new disciplinary regulations will be introduced in April. Though the Association of Chief Police Officers' formal position is to retain existing arrangements, it has said that "if something came

bers gain by real or per-

sive and cheaper, we would not stand in its way". The terms of the debate are shifting now from whether and why we need an IIA to how it would function. Liberty is undertaking a one-year

along that was good, persua-

As we await the Stephen Lawrence report, how can public confidence in the police be restored, asks Liz Parratt

research project, funded by the Nuffield Foundation, to

identify a realistic model. What are its essential prerequisites to ensure that it secures the confidence of both the public and the police? First, it must guarantee that police officers are accountable to the law. It must be open, accessible, efficient, thorough and fair. Clear divisions of responsibility between the system and the police will be essential. Its functions must be under-taken with the fullest understanding of discrimination and equality issues, especially race. To secure the confidence of the police, it must have due regard to issues of

operational and managerial

independence. It must afford

police officers the full protection of the law.

These are ambitious and demanding aims. Identifying how they could best be met will require intensive research and wide consultation. One possible starting point might be the Hayes report, which formed the basis for the new arrangements in Northern Ireland, likely to be operational by June.

nder the Hayes model, com-plaints could be registered any-where, and it would be for the IIA, not the police, to determine what is or is not a complaint. Judges. magistrates and lawyers would be able to refer directly to the

power to intervene even in cases where no complaint had been made. Trivial matters could be taken up through informal resolution. Others could be filtered by the IIA. Some could be re-ferred back to the police, and independent investigations could be reserved for more serious complaints, such as those potentially involving criminal conduct and those raising an issue of public interest - for example, racism or harassment. The prob-lems of informal resolution are widely recognised, and will need to be considered. But matters suitable for informal resolution could gradually be extended if and when public confidence improved. Some issues would be easily resolved: for example, the Home Office already accepts the need to lower the standard of proof. But there

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nary hearings, or is the separation of roles too important? Liberty believes that an HA must become a reality. The report of the Lawrence inquiry may yet be the deci-sive factor in achieving this. are many others pending. Who should staff it? Lawvers, magistrates, journal-

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staff would all have the necessary skill to get at the truth

and, once trained, would be

able to root out malpractice. But would it be acceptable to employ former police offi-

cers? Should there be a cen-

tral location, or would it need a regional office for

each of the 43 police forces? Should it be based on the

quango model, governed by

a panel of the great and the

good, or would a different

model be more appropriate?
A further issue is whether

officers under investigation

should be entitled to rely on

their right to silence. Most

employees do not have such

a right, but they are not sub-

ject to independent investiga-tion, which has a direct conse-

quence on their employment.

At present, the police service

itself takes disciplinary pro-

ceedings against police offi-cers. But the PCA has encoun-

tered difficulties where those

in charge of a police force

have been reluctant to take

action against police officers

and when forced to do so

have "prosecuted" in a lack-

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# Rich ground for British lawyers

A boom in international law is good for London, says Edward Fennell

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ext week Jeremy Carv-er, a distinguished sen-ior partner at Clifford Chance, will receive the insignia of the CBE for services to public international law. Rarely has such an award been made before and it reflects both Mr Carver's own highly personal skills and the growing profile of this field of practice.
The increasing number of cas-

es taken to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the farreaching influence of the World Trade Organisation and the growth in state-to-state arbitration have all fuelled

the demand for the services of what is still a relatively small band of experts. Mr Carver's first

case, in 1969, was of a kind that has become all too familiar 30 years later. Following the takeover of Aden in Yemen by the communists, a number of Western bank staff were kid-napped. Clifford Chance, whose inter-

national credentials stretched back to representing Cecil Rhodes and his Rhodesian interests, was brought in to act on behalf of their employers. The staff were released quickly and Mr Carver embarked on a career which has presented him with a series of unique cases.

Probably the most important was the rebuilding of the International Tin Council in 1985 — a matter involving six years of work on behalf of 68 creditors and 23 states plus the European Community. "One needs to think beyond the normal restrictions of jurisdiction in order to create order out of what is frequently chaos," Mr Carver says. Largely because of his own en-

thusiasm. Mr Carver has built a

strong team at Clifford Chance. There is an equally substantial outfit at Herbert Smith. Allen & Overy has regular involvement in this work and so has Richards Butler, where the lead is taken by Mike Mackenzie-Smith based in Paris.

Typically Mr Mackenzie-Smith's cases involve border disputes. These have multiplied in number and complexity following the break-up of the Soviet Empire. The legal status of the Caspian Sea, for example, is a particularly hot issue because it-involves not only lines on the

map but, potentially. huge oil reserves and a number of rival, freshly independent One must

countries. Eversheds too has plunged into these disputes by virtue of its takeover of Frere Cholmeley. Rod Bun-dy, an American based in the firm's Paris office includes among his regular cli-ents the Governments of Iran and In-

donesia. Mr Bundy regularly pleads (unlike his British equivalents) before the ICJ. Chief among his battle honours are the work he did in connection with the Iran-US tribunal in the wake of oil nationalisation and in the aftermath of the Tehran hostage crisis.

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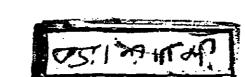
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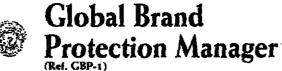
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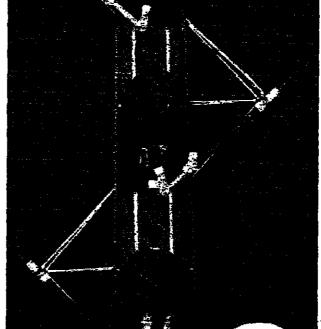
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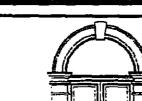
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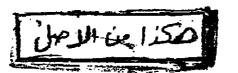
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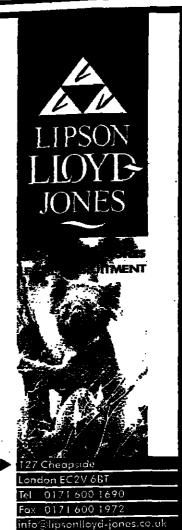
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lenn Hoddle's employment appears to have ended on agreed terms and a pay-off of £500,000, rather than an acrimonious legal battle. But what of Mr Hoddle's legal rights or those of anyone else who faces the sack because of their personal views, however unacceptable they might be

to other people?

First, Mr Hoddle had the protection of his contract of employment. His right to compensation for the bal-ance of his contract would have depended on whether or not his conduct struck at the root of the confidence that his employer, the Football Association, must have in him. It seems the FA may have taken the view that the conduct was not so serious. Otherwise, why pay Mr Hoddle such a

large severance payment? What about the fairness of the dismissal? It is possible, as the law stands, that the FA could have dismissed Mr Hoddle fairly. Another case in which an employer acted fairly in dismissing an employee for the expression of personal views concerned a ledger clerk sacked for refusing to take off what her employer regarded as potentially offensive badges supporting lesbianism. The tribunal ruled that the employer was reasonable to consider the wearing of the badges potentially offensive to custom-

ers and other employees.

Mr Hoddle had, however, expressed his views previously on BBC radio without, it seems, any warning from his bosses. He may well have concluded that such action amounted to tacit consent for his media pronouncements. This might have affected the fairness of any dismissal.

Lawrie McMenemy, the Northern Ireland football team manager, may well be in a stronger legal position than Mr Hoddle found himself. In Northern Ireland religious discrimination is outlawed under the fair employment legislation. Mr Hoddle might have argued that any dismiss-al because of his views on reincarna-

tion was religious discrimination.

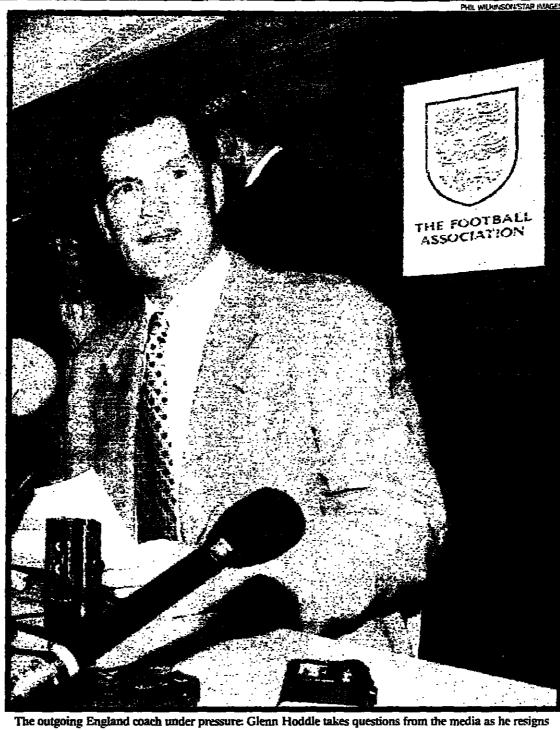
The episode also highlights the potential importance of the Human Rights Act 1998, which is likely to come into force next year, bringing the foreducer forced in the freedoms found in the European Convention on Human Rights firmly into UK law. Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention set out rights to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and to freedom of expression respectively. I do not know what aspects of Mr Hoddle's actions most concerned the FA, so it is difficult to assess whether his Convention rights might have been interfered with.

If Mr Hoddle's departure related to his dealings with the media over a period of time, then his Convention rights may not have been infringed. If, however, the concerns related to his religious views or his expression of them, then the position may be different. The rights under Article 9 have already been held to cover religions such as the Krishna Consciousness Movement, Jehovah Witnesses, Scientologists and even the Omkara-nanda and the Divine Light Zentrum which, some would argue, embrace wackier views than those espoused by Mr Hoddle, and Article 10 would cover freedom to express opinions, however objectionable.

n any event, two potential defences might have come to the FA's aid: the possible legitimate aim of the limitation of these freedoms -- for example, the rights of disabled people. It is not clear, however, that it is necessary to curtail Mr Hoddle's rights to broadcast his views on karma in order to protect the rights and freedoms of disabled

people.

The second defence is the proportionality of any infringement of his



rights. In one case a Turkish Army judge who was retired for holding unlawful fundamentalist religious opinions was held not to have had his Convention rights breached. The European Court of Human Rights considered that by embarking on a military career, he had accepted certain limitations on his freedom.

Similarly, measures to dismiss employees for expressing views incomparible with their employer's interests have been held not to conflict with Convention rights. For example, a doctor who expressed views on abortion objectionable to his Roman Catholic hospital employer was held not to have had his Convention rights infringed. On the other hand, the suspension of a German teacher on the grounds of her Communist Party activities was held to infringe her rights to freedom of expression in a case where there was no criticism of her work and membership of the party was lawful. The court found the interference with her rights to be dispro-

portionate. Mr Hoddle's dismissal, even if otherwise interfering with these freedoms, may nonetheless therefore be proportionate and lawful, bearing in mind the specific place the England tootball team holds in British hearts necessitating the trust and respect of players and public alike. Like the Catholic doctor or the Turkish judge, he could be said to have accepted limitations by accepting the job. Once respect and trust evaporated. Mr Hoddle's position became, rightly or wrongly, untenable and it is far from clear that the law, even once the Human Rights Act comes into force, could have been his saviour.

The author is a partner in the employ-ment department of the London solicitors

## The FA is not offside over TV rights

Whose games are they anyway? Simon Carne goes for goal

Clubs

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ing objects to the way the FA Premier League sells the television rights to football matches. The OFT says that if any other business behaved like the Premier League, the competition authorities would intervene. The OFT's argument, sup-

ported by Richard Prowse (Law, January 26), is that the 20 football clubs (or "businesses") that compete in the Premier League are acting as a cartel by joining together to agree on a broadcasting contract with one television company. The OFT's mistake is to think that the 20

clubs can be separated from the league and invited to negotiate their rights individually. This argument misses the point of how they derive their value.

A football match between, say, Arsenal and Liverpool cannot be separat-ed from the competition it

falls within. The commercial value of such a match depends on whether it is played in the league, the cup (which cup, which round?) or a friendly, when it usually has no value at all.

If you cannot separate the matches from the tournament without destroying the economic value of the matches, there is little logic in attaching the emotive label "cartel" to describe the tournament-organising body. After all, the regulatory response to a cartel is normally to break it up. But not even the OFT wants to break up the Premier League, only its television contract.

Faced with the real question whether the TV rights to a sporting tournament should be owned by the organising body or by the participants — it is instructive to look at what

he Office of Fair Trad- would happen if the law favoured the participants. Try to imagine Wimbledon's tennis tournament if the players, not the All England Lawn Tennis Club. owned the television rights. To satisfy the OFT, the rights would have to be briken down match by match and awarded to the two for

four players in each one. However, the rights would be unenforceable without access for the cameras. Is the All England Club to be forced to provide facilities for any and all broadcasters that the individual players choose to bring on to court with them? It is

true that the law can be used to enforce access to private property if the property is an "es-sential facility" being used in an anticompetitive manner. But not even the most hawkish of competition authorities could de-clare the tennis courts of Wimble-

don an "essential facility". Would the position be different if the sport were football and the event was the FA Cup Final at Wembley — or the semi-finals played at other venues of the FA's choosing? Clearly not. Ownership of the TV rights would, again, be of no use to the clubs without the ability to ensure access for the TV company of their choice.

The access problem goes away only if the matches are played at venues owned by one or other of the teams. But does it make any sense at all to say that a football league's TV deal is anti-competitive if matches are played on a 'home and away" basis. but not if they are on a neutral ground? And, if the court says does, won't the clubs just sell their grounds?

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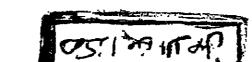
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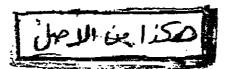
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## Resolute Gough calls the tune

FROM JOHN STERN

WELLINGTON (first day of four: England Under-19 won toss): England Under-19, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 16 runs ahead of New Zealand Under-19

ALREADY leading the three-match series 1-0 and with Michael Gough, the captain, winning an important toss on a green-looking pitch. Eng-land Under-19 took command on the first day of the second international match at Basin Reserve yesterday.

The New Zealand batsmen were disconcerted as soon as they had seen Matt Whiley seam a ball across Michael Papps, who made a century and a fifty in the first match. and knock out his off stump. By lunch they were 42 for six and, haif an hour before tea. they were all out for 110, Joe Tucker taking five for 35.

Scoreboard .

Having begun the day well. Gough ended with the upper hand, too, batting with all the good sense and resolution that watchers of Durham are coming to admire. He offered one chance, edging Hammond between first and second slip. but he remained on 65 not out

Paul Franks, the Nottinghamshire pace bowler, is to join the England A tour of Zimbabwe later this week (Thrasy Petropoulos writes). Initially no replacement was thought to be needed for Paul Hutchison, who flew home suffering from a bulging disc in his lower back, but subsequent injuries to Melvyn Betts and Steve Harmison have left the squad's bowling resources

worryingly thin.

Michael Bevan, the Australia all-rounder, who was to begin a three-year contract with Sussex next season, will not now play in the county championship until 2000. He will be replaced by Michael Di Venuto, his compatriot.

## India's ten-wicket hero garlanded with national acclaim

# Kumble counts the price of fame

grams lay strewn around the room and an ice bucket holding champagne sat on the television set next to a huge bouquet of flowers. Anil Kumble tried to sound sincere as he apologised for the state of his temporary home, but there was not a lot of sorrow in his voice.

In the hours immediately after he joined Jim Laker in taking ten wickets in a Test in-'I am nings. Kumble said that the magni-Kumble a quiet tude of the leat would not sink in man and until he saw the newspapers the next day. By the I do not time those papers were delivered to intend

tel in Delhi he had to change' shaken so many hands, accepted so many messages of congratulation, that the achievement could not have the failed to register.

His figures of ten for 74, which helped India to a first Test win against Pakistan for 19 years, made front-page news in all parts of the country at a time when certain political parties are believed to be close to toppling the Vajpayee Gov-ernment. "Words fail this headline," the banner of the Asian Age proclaimed in large capitals. "Pakistan Kumbled at the Kotla, the Indian Express opined, referring to the Ferozeshah Kotla ground where the leg-spin bowler had mown down Pakistan.

Yet it was a small, downpage story in The Times of India that offered a clue to the rewards that will accrue. J. H. Patel, the chief minister of nataka, has announced a re-ward of 100,000 rupees (about £1,500). In an economy in which a weekly wage of £10 equates with relative affluence, this represents an enor-

mous sum. Kumble, a graduate in mechanical engineering from the University of Bangalore, un-

derstands that fame carries a price. He has wit-nessed at first hand the restrictions imposed upon Sachin Tendulkar by the demands of fandom and he has no desire to be on that level of superstar-"I pity Sachin, but that is what

you have to put up with in India. Kumble, 28, said. "Basically I am a quiet, down-toearth man and I do not intend

to change. I can still have my private life. Sachin will still be the biggest player in our crick-et. I think the children will still like to bat like him rather than bowl like me.

"Having said that, I am sure what happened will make people change the way they look at me as a bowler. Maybe I will be seen as a special personality and I do not know whether I will enjoy that. From the moment I took the tenth wicket, everybody has made me feel really special. The people around me, the press and the media are makng me aware of what has hap-

Everybody seems to want a part of him. When he lost the key to his room, a porter offered a replacement only after



Posters of Kumble are snapped up by student admirers in Bombay yesterday

not finish until after one

said. "But I think to take ten

wickets in an innings is even

achievement. As we were leav-

television.

Kumble had signed an autograph. Despite the security men, a number of young girls managed to enter the lobby to wait for a sight of the country's most eligible bachelor.

In the lift, an American tourist offered a handshake while explaining to his baffled wife that she stood in the privileged company of the fellow who had taken ten wickets the pre-vious afternoon. "Did you know," he asked, turning back to Kumble, "that you are only the second man to do that? Somehow Kumble managed to convey the impression that he was hearing this for the

Wearing glasses, a bright T-shirt, jeans and sandals, he looked remarkably fresh given the excitement of the night being the field. Wasim Akram [his final victim] said that he al-ways dreamt of taking all ten. So far he has not done it, but he said he was really happy fore. He arrival back at the hotel on Sunday to be garlanded for me." with flowers and the ensuing celebrations, though quiet, did

Success in sport can be ephemeral. When the counies meet in Calcutta next o'clock. He did manage to find Tuesday in the first game of the Asian Test championship, a triangular series involving Sri Lanka, Kumble is unlikely time to speak to his mother, who had watched the game on Whenever we talk before to find the pitch as helpful as games she tells me to go out the slow turner in Delhi. 'Cricket is the sort of game and take a hat-trick," Kumble where you cannot be complacent," he said. "I will be thinkbetter. It is a once-in-a-lifetime ing about taking my first wicket, not the tenth."

## Tired England troops launch a final assault

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN SYDNEY

AS ENGLAND come towards the end of a long tour that has stretched nerve and sinew far beyond what anyone is prepared to give them credit for, there is one final prize to claim. They have lost the Ashes, the main business of the trip this Australia in the final of the bloated triangular tourna-ment, which begins in Sydney tomorrow, they may feel

they have passed muster. Alec Stewart, a willing cap tain, must be coming to the end of his tether, though if he is, he is not letting on. Say what you like about Stewart, he is a prisoner of his times: a professional to his fingertips and one to be admired on the whole Winter, summer, autumn, spring day, night and even in the half-light, he is a cricketer, first and last To him, this week

is just another, one of many. However, there is a prob-lem and it must be addressed before England go into the World Cup. They have two special players — Gough and Hick — and Hick is only a special player when he is touched by Venus. Otherwise he is an ordi-nary Joe, who does not even bowl any more. Food for thought there, skipper.

England have done reasonably well in this competition, though the loss of four of their past five matches takes the edge off things. It does not help that Gough is struggling to overcome a thigh strain and is unlikely to play tomorrow.

He came through a training session at the Sydney Cricket Ground, but nobody has given a convincing reason why he played in the last of the preliminary games. Gough has bowled heart and soul for England this winter. The least he was owed was a couple of games off, and they denied him even that hixury.

Stewart claimed yesterday

that "the aim 18 months ago was to win the World Cup. The 15 players selected will be the best 15 in English con-ditions". Which means, reading between the lines, that these games are irrelevant. England can afford to lose

the lot and will have lost no ground, because these matches bear no relation at all to the competition that will take place in England in

Apart from Gough, who is the spearhead and the standard-bearer of this team, Neil Fairbrother is another injury doubt. Fairbrother, over the past month, has become indispensable to England's cause Now that Graham Thorpe has been declared unfit for the World Cup. privately if not officially, the Lancashire left-hander has assumed an importance in the team that may surprise even himself. He has excelled in one-day cricket for a decade and a haif but now, at 35, he finds himself more valuable than ever.

Stewart is on shakier ground when he declares that the present party includes people who have every chance of playing in the World Cup. Mark Alleyne, who, sadly, had to return to England on Sunday after the death of his father in Barbados, has no chance of featuring in it and, if Vince Wells plays, it can only be because others are indisposed.

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There will be some unlucky people when we name the team," Stewart said. Not really. He knows full well which of these players will be invited to the feast, and so does everybody else. England go into this mini-tour-



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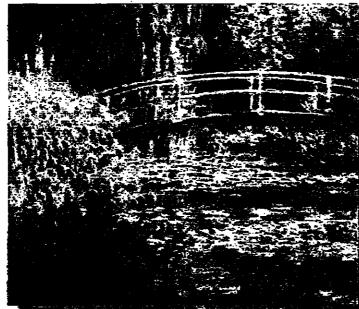
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## Driving ambition keeps O'Brien in fast lane

n four legs or wheels, horsepower equals speed and as Aidan O'Brien drove his jeep alongside Istabraq on the legendary gallops at Ballydoyle the young training maestro could hardly believe his eyes — or the speedometer reading.

"He's gone very fast this year — much quicker — and going half speed on the bridle he will do 40 miles an hour," he said yesterday.

With the Smurfit Champion Hurdle just five weeks away, the evidence offered by Istabraq's daily routine, which includes competing against O'Brien's petrol-induced horsepower, suggests Cheltenham might be wise to invest in a chequered flag to start the

Probe a little deeper and one is left wondering why any other horses should even bother to oppose the champion hurdler. Although the J. P. Mc-Manus-owned Sadler's Wells gelding has run and won four races in effortless style this season, O'Brien is yet to ask him a serious question. "We probably won't have a look." he said quaintly, "until two weeks before the Champion Hurdle when he will have to do a little bit of work for the first time this year." Let us hope the jeep is serviced beforehand to give it a chance.

Of course, there is the small matter of negotiating eight flights of hurdles at Prestbury Park but, there again, Istabraq is such a natural that to suggest practising his jumping would be considered an insult. He will be schooled over one baby-size flight the day before the race — and leave the ground at Ballydoyle for the first time this season.

"Istabraq is 510 kilos at present, which is about 30 kilos heavier than last year, but in his work at home he is stronger than last year. He has grown and matured. As he gets older he has been doing his work easier. He has got more relaxed and that is because he is finding his races so much easier."

much easier."

O'Brien, who has achieved more in his 29 years than most trainers dream of in a lifetime, is modest by nature but cannot suppress his enthusiasm for Istabrag, "He's a star. He just



O'Brien parades Istabraq, his champion hurdler, at an open day at Ballydoyle yesterday

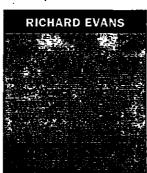
oozes class and as he gets older he gets quicker. You just have to go faster and faster."

But could that priceless speed prove his undoing as he turns for home at Cheltenham and faces a climb up the legendary hill which has broken so many hearts and wallets down the years? That, more than

any other horse, is O'Brien's

Despite having won the Royal & SunAlliance Hurdle over an extended 2½ miles two years ago. O'Brien knows that two miles is now his best trip. "The big danger this year is that, having gone a good gallop, will he come up the hill?" And then there is the question of Istabraq's capacity to "boil over" if he becomes upset.

The thin line between genius and madman means he is, in the words of O'Brien, "borderline all the time". So the question of his temperament should give the layers offering



7-4 on the Champion Hurdle favourite a glimmer of hope — but no more.

Not that Istabraq is O'Brien's only Cheltenham or Champion Hurdle hope. Of the six National Hunt horses stabled in Margot's Yard, three miles away from Ballydoyle's 100 Flat horses, five will be aimed at the Festival, including Theatreworld, who finished a 12 lengths second to

BY RAYMOND KEENE

Today I give two further games from the UK-US clash

between Michael Adams and

Yasser Seirawan. Since Adams is rated more than 70

points higher than Seirawan

on the international ranking

scale the drawn outcome must

be considered a modest suc-

cess for the American player.

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Istahraq last March. "At this stage he is more forward than the same takers for the Ladbrokes offer yesterday of 20-l against Theatreworld finishing second

The rain began to fall and

to Istabracionce again.

O'Brien beckoned us to join him in a box alongside Le Coudray, a crack French hurdler bought by Istabraq's owner, reportedly for £250,000. He is being aimed at the Bonusprint Stayers' Hurdle, where he will meet Deano's Beeno and Lady Rebecca. "We didn't work him before he won at Naas. Charlie Swan said the further he went the stronger he got." Take the hint and snap up any 5-1 you can find.

Darapour is entered for the Coral Cup and the Vincent

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Darapour is entered for the Coral Cup and the Vincent O'Brien County Handle, while Give It Holly will be his busineer representative. "All lookets have chances." the trainer suggested.

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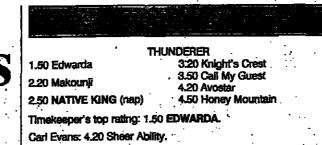
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1.50 RYTON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-0: \$2.548; 2m) (15 runners).

PREFER ANOTHER SEVELET 38 (CLF) (Examinary Racting Calab. A P. Johnson 17-2 St. Garden St. P. McCov B 315 EMARIDA & CLC.) 5 (R. Stately & Y. Hayroldis) M. Pilos 19-13 ... A. P. McCov B 56868 RNER RROWTER 26 (D.B) (S. Soursouss) M. Usiner 10-13 ... D. Byrms R. Hartellow F. H. Hartellow St. P. Soursouss M. Usiner 10-13 ... W. Massion G. P. Aller St. P. Soursous Particusion) S. Mariton 10-12 ... W. Massion O DORSHMETON 34F (Mars J. Girn) S. Bauch 10-12 ... L. Harvey U.S. SOURWOOD CAMALER 25 (PR.) (C. Stootes) Miss V. Williams 10-12 ... M. Batchardon 1949-1941 M. P. Soursous M. P. Soursous 10-12 ... M. Batchardon 1949-1941 M. P. Soursous 10-12 ... M. Batchardon 1949-1941 M. Richardon J. L. Sourson 1949-1941 M. Richardon 1949-1941

ETENS: 9-4 Edwards, Goodwood Cavellar, 9-2 Specifier: "Rev. 8-7 Inver Light, 10-1 Inschiate anadows, 20-1 River Francier, 25-1 Others. 1990: UPERADE 11-5 C Dewallyn (3-1 lan) N Teiston-Cavies 21 ran

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EDWARDA has less to do stem at Chellorium but time nut.

2.20 PRINCETHORPE MOVICES CHASE (£4,110: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 numers)

1 1221/ ATOLES 473 (£6.5) (Route Perturbin) Miss A Newton-Smith 11-11-3 E Byrne (7) —

2 P-223 BARKALE BOY 37 (5) (Bartoin Construction Ptd T Casey 7-11-3 — T. J. Numbry 1888

3 SNEAM CHICOLARI 10 (£5) (J. Horn) D. Nicholson 7-11-3 — R. Johnston 45

4 24-16f LORD NOELE 38 (6) (Executes Racing Chab) Miss H. Nighti 6-11-3 — R. Thornton — 5

0/F SPATED STATEMENT 81 (A Gregory) S. Brookstow 9-11-3 — S. Wyrose — 5

6 094-30 STRONG TEL 29 (87.0.5) (T. Night) Si Pop 9-11-3 — A.P. MicCoy 55

7 1-097 J. MAROUMI 14 (D.) Si Whigh Coborn M. Hendeson 5-10-8 — M.A.A. R. Reparad 23

BETTING: 4-7 National, 8-1 Nous, Bartoin Boy, Strong Tal, 10-1 Circoctari, Lord Novike, 66-1 Spirited Statement.

Alours beet Land Alor Bi in 5-runner hardie at Sandawn (2m 110yd, good).

Bartiste Boy 19 3rd of 6 to Samuel Wildongols in novice chase at Warenick.
(2m 4110yd, soft), Calcoded 444 4th of 6 to Flasky Wood in novice handspiceses at Chebertiann (2m 5, 10th Lard Nodels felt in novice as at Chebertiann (2m 5, 10th Lard Nodels felt in novice as at Chebertiann (2m 5, 10th to 10th soft);
refrussly 371 (8 to 17 to Barton is novice handle grade 2 at Sandawn (2m 6, good). Strong Tel excessal right
cortex classes of Foreign (3m 2 1 10yd, soft); previously 13 3 of 7 to Presintials in novice classes at Chepare (2m 31 110yd, soft). Alacously boar (Chepyanore 17 in 4-numer novice classes at Chepter (2m 4, soft).

MAKCOUNCE trapeased at Leicester and has a clear chance to follow up

2.50 IAN WILLIAMS OWNERS EBF NH NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,522: 2m 4f 110yd) (13 nathers)



1990: ARKLEY ROYAL 7-11-0 & Badley (11-8 lbs) J Gld 25 rps.

\*\*Relieve (fing boat Artsmin 10t in 11-rement worker hundle at Sandows (2m 110)rd, good). Winstain Rum heaf Storm Castle 41 in 14-romer toyled hundle at Castley (fin 11-byd), sold). Lifets Work heat Country (fin 1-sel in 10-rement legalizes) bardle at latential (2m 3 110)rd, heavy). Armatican Style 45 94rd 16 to Sporable Missile in novice bardle at latentials (2m, good to sold). Gone Balletino 29 12 th of 15 to Bloca Bosto in national book find species (2m, good to sold). Gone Balletino 29 12 th of 15 to Bloca Bosto in national book find rape at Warvett (2m, 37). More Tuory 15 48th of 11 to Townshystain in exprise hundles at Hareland (2m 37 110)rd, good). Nicely Restmad 161 5th of 16 to Lord Noble in novice hundle at Stratord (2m 61 110)rd, good).

3.20 CORAL CHASE (SHOWCASE HANDICAP) (£7,700; 3m 55) (11 runners)



1990: A N C DOPRESS 10-11-10 A P Nectory (11-5 law) J Ring 8 net.

Cerribgo Gold 34 Ab of 6 in Randorf Harvest in handloop desse at Wellerday (Sor 15, good), Hangday Puber 8 No 3 No of 7 to Island Jahrhandloop classe at the case at Wellerday (Sor 15, good), Hangday Puber 8 No 3 No of 7 to Island Jahrhandloop classe at the case at Wellerday (Sor 15, good), Hangday (Sob Date 70), 3 No of 11 to 10 years at 1 martine (Sor 13, lawy) with Peccary General (Sob Date 70), 3 No Sortino 24 2 of 6 7 to Noticy Monre in bandloop classe at Laddow Tam, good), Hangday (Classic Inf) in Sortino 24 of 6 7 to 10 Noticy Class (Sortino 20 of 10 Noticy Class (Sortino 20 of 10 Noticy) (Sortino 20 of 10 Noticy)

3.50 IAN WILLIAMS OWNERS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£4,711: 2m 4/ 110yd) (6 suntiers)

1 1FOP-P NOCKSKY 66 (5) (1 Neill) M Pipe 6-11-10

2 4-1Ph3 CALL MY SUEST 11F (D.F.G.S.) (0 & J.Coo) R Placeck 6-11-8 ... M A Reparati (£5)

3 1F660 ABRION 19 (6.5) Chambring Addison O Shimedo 8-11-7 ... J Cabons 4

4 5-1153 TARA-BROGAN 86 (0.6) (05M Chambridon Syndom) Williams 6-11-4 R Johnson 8
5 1/FPA (2.M.DRA ELETTRIC 367 (0.6.5) (Mis-lonesy) Miss Chabsey 7-18-5 3 0 6-38bpt 
6 510P-4 TWO TO TARGO 129 (6) IF Mills 8 W Mills) N Textor-Davies 6-10-0 C Lievellyn 91

Long bandlage: Two To Tango 9-10

BETTIME: 7-4 Call My Quest 2-1 Tara-Brogan, 9-2 Nocksio, 11-2 Action, 16-1 Two To Tango, 20-1 Claude Becklet.

1996: CHEERFUL ASPECT 5-11-13 N Walkamada (11-6 far) T Forster 8 fac 1998: CHEERFUL ASPECT 5-11-13 N Walkamada (11-6 far) T Forster 8 fac Canal S and S Parket on Description berster at Sandown (2m 6), good). Call

Nodesky pulled up to transferab landle at Sandown (2m fd. good). Call it Sass 55 2ard of 8 to Trutcher in hundred hunde at Chelenters (2m to Sass 15 2ard of 8 to Trutcher in hundred hunde at Chelenters (2m to Sass 15 to

4.20 AIR WEDDING TROPHY HUNTERS CHASE



Avenuar heat Saltron Flame 8 in 4-moner hunter chase at Followstone (2, good), Single Alten each 2nd of 8 in Broadway Last in chase at Meering Land Carp Int 1044, good). Charmer's Well 24 (6 in of 15 to Tomposio handless hundles hundless hundless hundless hundless hundless hundless at Meering Land Carp Int 1044, good). Keenin guided up in hundless chase at Plampton (3m 11 1044, good) et al. 11 1044, good) who has the stress at Heredood (3m 11 1044, good) et al. 11 1045, good et al. 11 1045, good) et a

4.50 FEBRUARY MARES ONLY MARDEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT



uric. 4-1 seesiae, 3-1 maay ress, 1-1 republice, 3-1 brancy Siep, schooling beig. 12-1 olbes. 1998: ARTIFACTIONSY 5.11.2 T Horney (4.11 N Hondroom 22 cm

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MELADY ANA can make engerience bill against some interesting associates.

TRAINERS Wins Rrivs % JOCKEYS Wins Rrivs % Miss Williams 4 10 40.0 A MisCay 20 51 39.2 J Close 3 11 223 J Ceborne 11 41 25.8 J Close 5 21 23.8 R Johnson 20 89 24.7 J King 5 21 23.8 R Johnson 14 65 21.2 D Nechotaco 21 90 23.3 R Farsani 8 49 20.0 M Pie 21 91 23.1 T J Marphy 6 30 20.0 Sharwood 9 99 23.1 M Rizosed 8 47 17.0 Sharwood 9 99 99 21 M Right Rivers 1 8 47 17.0 Sharwood 9 99 99 21 M Right Rivers 1 8 47 17.0 Sharwood 9 99 99 21 M Right Rivers 1 8 47 17.0 M Rivers 1 8 4 47 17.0 M River

## Tiutchev 9-4 for Trophy

TIUTCHEV is a supprised 9-4 with Victor Chandler and 6-4 with the sponsor for Saturday's Tote Gold Trophy after a 20lb rise in the weights at the five-day stage yesterday. All but one of the 22 horses left in will race off the correct handicap mark. Wahiba Sands, 6-I with the Tote, will have to carry 12 stone at Newbury. The withdrawal of Pridwell, Blowing Wind (also trained by Martin Pipe), Kerawi and Toto Toscato means he is left to top the handicap, alongside stable-companion Rainbow Frontier. Pipe has also declared Rainwatch, Amitge and Vent D'Aout. Tote's remaining prices: 12-1 Decoupage, Polar Prospect, Sharpical, 16-1 Nomadic, Rainwatch, Snow Dragon, 20-1 Effectual, Midnight Legend, Mister Rm, Vent D'Aout, 25-1 bar.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

RESULTS
Fontwell Park
Going: good to soft

1.50 (2m 2: 110/d hdle) 1, Mastler Pfigriss (N Williamson, 4-11 fay); 2, Jacofor (4-1); 3, Jahrstoff art (6-1); 10 ran, NP; Hargh; 19, 5, Mass V Williams, Toler E1.40; 21.30, 23.00, 21.80 DF: 23.00 CSF: 17-81 2.20 (2m 2) dh 1, is The Blood (C Maude, 7-4-law; Richard Evens's nep); 2, Jason's Boy (10-1); 3, Mr. Janks (4-1); 10 ran, NP; Flou du Bois 5, 24, P Hobbs, Toler 22.30; 21.20, E1.60, E1.70, DF: E1.30, CSF: 21.20, E1.60, E1.70, DF: E1.30, CSF: 21.616 Tricast 555.90.

2-38 (24) 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Tylo Steamer N Williamson, 9-4 (sel); 2, Colwell (6-1); 3, Pridencood Fuggle (3-1); 10 ran. NR. Soveragn, 84, 41, 9 Williams. Tole: £2 80, £1 80, £2 10, £2 90, DF: £0.50. CSP: £12 85. Tricast: £70.02.

2-20 (2m 2f 110)yd ch) 1, Jacker Crosse (N Williamson, 6-4 (sw); 2, Gamison Friendly (7-1) 9 ran NR: Bonta Balency, Red River, Dist. Mass V Williams, Tole: £2 80, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £7.40 CSP: £10 93.

er. Dist. Mass V Williams. Tote: \$2.00, \$1.80, \$2.20, DF: \$7.40 CSP: \$10.93.

3.50 (2m. 2). 110yd Indie): 1, Skrann (C Uewellyn, 13-2), 2, Granby Bell (9-1), 3, Nordensk (11-2). Kosboonii, 9-4 lav. 10 ran. NR: Heil Hoo Yaroom, Machievell, Red Quard, 11, 8: R. Dodon Tote: \$8.70; \$2.50, \$2.30, \$2.20, DF; \$57.90 CSF: \$90.91 Tricast. \$319.87.

4.20 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Swansae Gold (Mr D O'Merra, 16-1), 2, Moorand Hophyer (52-1), 3, Liste Rowley (20-1), Raffies Roceter 5-2 jf-4m, 11 ran. NR: Black Spring, Rembing, Sam 11, dat. P Hobbs Tost: 512.10; 52-50, pt. 60, 515-60. DF, 513-60. CSF-513-60. CSF

Jackpot: 28,891.70.
Placepot: 298.10. Guadpot: 297.30.
Southwell

Going: standard
1.30 (7) 1, Etha Hope (G Cartar, 8-1); 2, 76
18.101 (10-1); 3, Hawa Al Nessmant
(40-1). Dahlidya (41h) 3-1 fav. 13 ran. 114,
16. N Timider Toler 28 40, 22-10, 23-30,
28-50 DF 528-50. CSF. 574-60. Tricest:
51.750 46
2.00 (7) 1, Kingchip Boy (P McCebe, 4-1);
2. Kass Ahbawa (11-4 fav); 3, Filing The Chief

2.00 (7) 1, Kingchip Boy (P McCabe, 4-1):
2 Kass Ahasas (11-4 las); 3, Ring The Chief (11-2) 12 ran. 14, 314. M Rivan. Tolac 28.30. 27.00, e1.30. DF. £14-20. CSF: £14-01. Tricast: £58-28.
2.30 (66) 1. Nero Tirol (P Fradericks, 9-1). 2, Locomotion (4-6 las), 3. Healthyerds Jake (7-1) 5 ran. 2, £14. A Kallowey Tolac £8.00. £1.80, £1.30. DF: £7-80. CSF: £15.00. 20.00 (1101) 9 ran No. 214. D Carrol Tolac £2.40, £1.10. £2.30, £2.00 DF: £23-30. CSF: £20-23 Tolacst: £134-84.
3.30 (110 31), Dict Turpla (P Goods, 7-2); 2, Copper Shet (3-1 las); 3, Magical Shot (11-2), 15 ran. 31, 114. B Smart. Tolac £4-40. £120, £130. £20. DF: £25-80. CSF: £20-23.

4.00 (6) 1. Rock latand Line (P Roberts, 8-1); 2. Bold Arishocrat (11-2, 3, ice Age (6-1), Gard Chapseu (61); 7-2 (1-tex, 10 rg. -1), 1-1 G Woodward, Tote: 57-20, 52-40, 51.50, 52-30. DF: 538-40. CSF: 549-99.
4.30 (2m) 1. Par Cry (Mr C Vigors, 6-4 fay), 2. Sudiest (3-1), 3. Poker School (12-1); 10 51-80, 52-30. DF: 62-70. CSF: 55.51. Tricest: CSS-54.
Pleaspot 5443-70. Quadrot 517-90.

THUNDERER 2.00 Waiting Knight. 2.30 An Executive Do. 3.00 Frederick James. 3.30 Unreal City. 4.00 Philo-

GOING: STANDARD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW, 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

sophic. 4.30 Royal Preview.

2.00 HURSE-POINT-CLASSIFIED STAKES (\$2,038: 1m) (10 empers)

101 (3) 1205 MAMIKAB 5 (B,CB) Miss 6 Kalloway 4-9-1
102 (6) 241 WAITING KINSHT 7 (V,CD) Mis N Maccaday 4-9-1
103 (4) 500 REQUESTIONS EMBOR 605 (8) W Misson 5-9-12
104 (10) 08-0 FAMILIES St. (D,F,G,S) J Bridger 6-8-12
105 (7) 0-21 KCETTO THE CRY 17 (B,F,S) P Excles 5-8-12
106 (1) 15-0 BASSESSIT SHOULD SS (CD,S) C Cycer 5-12
107 (2) 09-21 TEOFILIO TO SELECT ST. (D,S) C Cycer 5-12
107 (2) 09-22 TEOFILIO TO SELECT SAME 5-8-12
107 (3) 09-22 TEOFILIO TO SELECT SAME 5-8-12
108 (3) 05-0 ENGLISH MISS SM MISSING 5-9
109 (3) 05-0 ENGLISH MISS SM MISSING 5-9
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107 (5) 05-0 ENGLISH MISSI

2.30 DUNGENESS POINT CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,009: 1m 2f) (8)

11-4 Key To The City, 3-1 Teoffile, 7-2 Welfrig Knight, 8-1 Markab, 8-1 Cavallina, 12-1 Respireny Sasca, 16-1 L'Estable Fleate, 20-1 afters.



4-5 An Executive Do. 8-1 Ving Print, Matthe Relity, Simposy's Domain, 10-1 Little Henry, 12-1 Gotal Rect, Gardyot Fash, 16-1 Wissonets.

3.00 CALL SALES & MARKETTING MAIDEN STAKES

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingüeld Park: 4.30 Avoodale Gri. 3.30 ARENA LEISURE STAKES (£5,462: 1m 2f) (6) :
401 (1) 35-4 GRALMAND 5 (8,C) N Litmoden 4-9-12 T G McLaughin 88
402 (4) 2-08 WHITE PLAINS 27 (CD.F.S) K Burks 5-9-12 N Callen (5) 92
403 (2) 00-1 SPACE RACE 12 (C.S) C Ores 5-9-7 ..... 6 Fasilities (3) 78 ...
404 (2) 5-86 STATE OF GALITION 20 (8) K Burks 6-9-7

4.00 EDDYSTONE HANDICAP (£2,634: 2m) (13)

501 (10) 0-36 PHILOSOPHIC 21 (CD.F) Mrs 1. Joseff 5-10-0
R Cochrane 73

502 (12) 30-0 FATHER SKY 10 (D.F.G.S) 0 Shemood 8-9-10
S Carson (7) 31

503 (8) -634 HARIK 10 (BF.C) 6 L Moure 5-9-10 P Doe (5) 55

504 (3) -355 CHARRIC 19 (F) P Billipan 6-9-3 Done 0 Well 57

505 (2) -112 SPICK AND SPAN 10 (CD) P Hedges 5-8-13 Done 0 Well 57

506 (8) 2-21 PADAUK 10 (8,CD) M Hoyes 5-9-13 T Sprake 82

507 (7) 0-3 MUSALSE 8 (8F.CD.F) P Healem 4-9-7 Dois Gloson 73

508 (1) 00-3 BEHNO THE SCHIES 10 (S) C Cycle 5-8-4 Martin Dayler 77

509 (5) 010- CHARLES GOLD 67J (8F) A Belley 4-8-2 A Martin Dayler 77

511 (4) 2233 HAPPLEY WHITE 7 (F.G.S.J Peace 7-7-13 A Polic 33 83

512 (11) 050- STROMEDAKA 42.P Hobus 5-7-1) G Bardwell - 513 (13) 204 CATCHMENT 41 Mrs A Peres 5-7-10 G Bardwell - 513 (13) 204

COURSE SPECIALISTS

8 Wagg, 11 winners from 41 numbers, 26.89

TRANKERS: & Whapp. 11 wheres from 41 numers. 26.8%; J. Gastier. 16 from 71, 22.5%, Mrs A Penett. 5 from 25, 20.0%, J. Berry, 27 from 136, 19.9%; P. Hastierr, 24 from 122, 19.7%, M. Johnston, 49 from 275, 17.6%, J. OCKEYS: J. Fenning, 9 winners from 53 ordes, 17.0% for Mrs. 25, 17.0%; N. Polland, 11 from 66, 16.7%; R. Coch, and. 54 from 342, 15.8%, P. Fredericks, 8 from 51, 15.7%, D. Sweeney, 24 from 169, 14.2%.

☐ Mark Usher, the trainer, was yesterday fined £1,500, jockey Luke Harvey banned for ten days and Fabulous Mtoto suspended from running for 40 days after the Fontwell stewards found them in breach of the "non-trier's" rule.

## Frost claims Carlisle

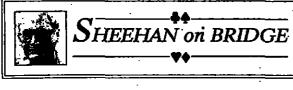
THE Carlisle meeting, scheduled for today, has been cancelled because of frost. Johnnie Ferrwicke-Ciennel, the clerk of the course, reported yesterday: "A lot of the course is okay, but where the sun doesn't get it is still frozen. The forecast tonight is for more frost; so we

THE Carlisle meeting, scheduled for today, has been cancelled because of frost. Johnnie were left with no alternative but to abandon." The Warwick fixture today

but to abandon."

The Warwick fixture today is also threatened by the cold snap. Lisa Rowe, the clerk of the course, said: "We will have a precautionary inspection at 7.30am." Newastle yesterday was also a victim of frost.





By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand was played in the trials to select the British team for the 1999 European Championships. Cover up the East-West hands and decide how you would play the trump suit.

E-W game

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tricks.

How did he know to play the hearts like that? There were two pieces of information. First, East had passed as dealer. Second West led a club, obviously from a non-sequential holding. Where were the high diamonds? West could not have accking, else he would have led one of them. East could not have more than one top hortour, as he had passed as dealer. So East had 7 points in clubs, and at least 3 in diamonds. If he had the

queen of hearts as well, he would have opened the bidding (they all open on flat 12s nowadays). Hence West was marked with the queen of hearts.

In the third round of Camrose matches played at the weekend, England (Gus Calderwood, Dick Shek, John Collings, Martin Jones, David Price, Tom Townsend) beat the Republic of Ireland (Tom Hanlon, Hugh McGann, Niall Toibin, Pat Walshe, John Carroll, Tommy Garvey) 41-19 while Wales (Patrick Jourdain, Tony Ratcliff, Peter Goodman, Adrian Thomas, Jill Casey, Filip Kurbalija) beat Scotland (Les Steel, John Matheson, David Walker, John Murdoch, Malcolm Cuthbertson, Andrew McIntosh) 37-23.

Northern Ireland had a bye.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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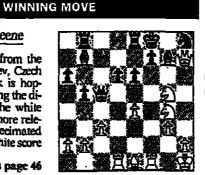
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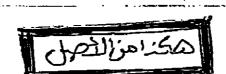
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b. The musk ox
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a. A rice dish
b. A dance
c. A monetary unit
Answers on page 46

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This from the game Simacek-Teterev, Czech Republic. 1998. Black is hoping for some play along the diagonals leading to the white king. However, the more relevant factor is his decimated kingside. How did White score an attractive finish?

Solution on page 46





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# Slow lane, no overtaking please

Kevin Eason talks to the president of Formula One's governing body, whose plans to make the sport safer by reducing speeds has angered drivers and enthusiasts

e asked a doctor and computer analysts, a designer and safety experts. But not Michael Schumacher, Damon Hill, or any of the other Formula One drivers lining up to accuse Max Mosley of imposing rules that threaten to ruin motor racing.

Mosley, the president of the FIA. Formula One's governing body, has forced through technical changes to grand-prix cars that are going to make overtaking near to impossible, if you believe the drivers.

Last season was the first year of narrower cars on thinner tyres with three grooves, reducing vital grip to make driving a Formula One car round corners like rollerskating on ice. This season, it will be even worse; a fourth groove has been introduced to harder compound tyres, reducing grip even further.

Schumacher gave warning that drivers are more likely to crash and Hill said that grand-prix racing will turn into a procession of cars that are unable to overtake each other for fear of going off into the gravel traps. Yet Mosley is unmoved. There is a law in Formula One that the success of any measure is in inverse proportion to the degree

of opposition it generates." he said. "It is now very difficult to overtake. But is that a problem? Is not grand-prix racing more interesting today than it has ever been because it is difficult to overtake? Obviously, from a driver's point of view, it is infuriating. But from the public's point of view, once upon a time, when car A caught car B, it would just overtake. Now it cannot, so one of the results is that pit stops are of crucial importance, adding a new and exciting dimension. The buildup to that can go on for 30 minutes, so the tension and drama is terrific.

"In the old days of slipstreaming at Monza, there would be 100 overtaking manoeuvres a race and you could go off and have lunch and come back for the final lap, because nothing mattered until the final lap. I am not sure that is

Mosley, in fact, has a simple question to help to analyse the appeal of Formula One: are you in favour of football or basketball?

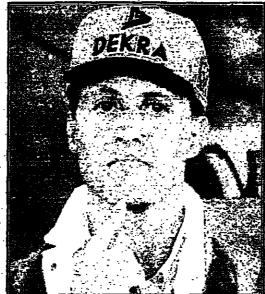
"in basketball, you see a game with 100 points or more, scoring every couple of minutes," he said. "In football, you have the tension of waiting for what might be the only goal of the came. That is the same as good grand-prix racing, the anticipation is agonising and when the moment of overtaking comes, it is so satisfying."

Mosley commissioned an internal report last year after it became clear that the new regulations, designed to slow down the cars and therefore make the sport safer. were not doing their job. Not only was overtaking an activity threatened with extinction, but the team engineers found their way through the red tape so that lap times were almost as last as ever by

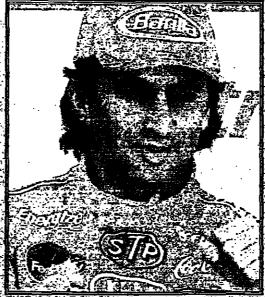
mid-season. The inquiry, led by Professor Sid Watkins, the FIA's chief medical adviser, and including computer experts and Harvey Postlethwaite. the chief designer at Tyrrell, was briefed to discover how to slow down Formula One yet retain the excitement of the sport by making overtaking possible. The computer specialists studied black-box acci-



Dargon Hill, 1996 world champion The new regulations have opened great potential for a train of cars going round and round, totally unable to overtake. When you get into a bunch of cars, you feel the problem increase, handicapping the drivers and our ability to race. Everybody wants to make grand prix racing as safe as possible but 😳 also as exciting. We have gone down a cul-de-sac."



"The new tyres do nothing to help overtaking or the best drivers to show their talent. The level of effort you have to put into a Formula One car increases with the speed you go. Because the level of the grip from the tyres is lower, it is easier for drivers to find: the limit. Once you have found it, there is nothing you can do to go faster. We will be spinning more:"



in Champ case, if I braked one made later to try to pass someone, I would miss the apex (of the cornet) by the metre built could still get past. Here, if I brake a metre later, it feels like I will go off the ideal. line by 10 metres, so any outbraking manoeuvre will



I don't think the cars will be much safer. The cars wander about on the straight. We will not be able to race like Niget Mansell and Ayrton Sanna did at . Barcelona in 1991, when they went down the straight side by side. You will bang wheels. The cars are more dependent on aerodynamics and less on mechanical grip and that will harm overtaking."



<u>Eddie Irvine, Ferrari No2 driver</u> "It is totally the wrong way to go - it's the easiest way, but it is the wrong way because it makes overtaking more difficult. By the time you get to a comer, one small mistake will become a much bigger mistake because the grip goes away so much quicker. We will just end up going

slower and overtake much

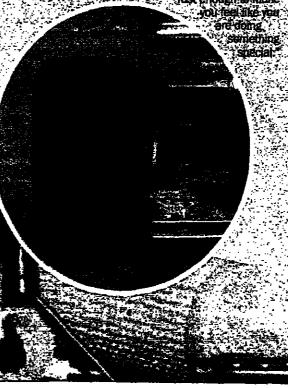
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don't know why we have the extra groove. I'm sure we will end up going the same speeds as last year, but last year wasn't last enough. We get used to these speeds and it doesn't feel special: Formula One is the top of lacing but its just not



dent recorders from the cars, spending weeks in a world dominated by technology that would not look out of place in a space laboratory.

Forming technical specifications to fulfil both demands resulted in a complex formula: increase tyre grip by 50 per cent and drag by 10 per cent, but reduce aerodynamic downforce by 10 per cent. In other words, put fat, slick tyres back on cars and reduce their slipperiness through the air so that drivers could "slipstream" into corners to overtake a competitor, even in a

Doing that would create cars almost the opposite of the skinny. aircraft on wheels that will be taking to the track this season.

Not that the committee's findings matter, because Mosley has decided to ignore the advice of Professor Waikins and his team. He is determined to use tyres as his primary

weapon to slow down cars that he believed were becoming dangerousfast, an opinion that was reinforced tragically in 1994 with the deaths of Ayrton Senna and Roland Ratzenberger.

"We were in the red line area," he said. "There was a cluster of accidents which came for several different and unconnected reasons. But the one thing that related them was that speeds were too high. Ratzenberger died absolutely because he

was going at a speed too high to

"If a car has enormous downforce and a 10,000-horsepower engine and is on bicycle tyres, then it can't go fast, it just isn't possible, and that is why we know we have to concentrate on this area if we are going to slow down Formula One cars and ensure the sport is safe." Mosley is an unlikely spoilsport. He trained as a lawyer and has the

straight-backed bearing of a minor

aristocrat, but he was also a racing driver and co-founder of his own Formula One team, March, before being elevated to his present job. So he understands more than most the wiles and intelligence of designers capable of finding a route around

almost any rules. He remains an enthusiast and is the last man to try to kill off a sport that is second only to the Olympic Games and football as a television spectacle. Apart from the criticism of drivers and teams, he gets his fair share of hate mail from the devotees who accuse him of diluting the purity of Formula One with refuelling stops and, now, the new

regulations. Mosley is sanguine about the onslaught. "Formula One is not for enthusiasts, it is for the 300 million people who watch it on the telly and if they stop watching, all the enthusiasts in the world will not save it

## World spies something beginning with M fering from an unhealthy dose

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DAVID COULTHARD preferred not to look for omens in the first undistinguished moments of his relationship with

his new McLaren yesterday. After jumping into the car that he wants to take him to a world championship for the first time, the Scot did not complete his first lap before the car broke down. It had to be towed back to the pits at the Circuit de Catalunya, near here, in front of a jostling band of photographers anxious to make the most of what might be their only chance this season to get close to the MP4-14.

If McLaren-Mercedes repeat their feat of last year, they will have the most technologically advanced car in Formula One this season, in spite of the minor glitch yesterday. But Ron Dennis, McLaren's team principal, knows that the sechnological lead lasts only until prying eyes have the chance to study the shape of his new car. He has decided to thwart all attempts at copying the winning formula, in spite of criticism

Dennis was upset last year by a photographer who stole into the McLaren garage to snap a portfolio of pictures to give to a rival team, and he will not allow that to happen again. Once Coulthard and his team-mate, Mika Hakkinen, the world champion, pulled back the curtain on the challenger this year . it was quickly wheeled away to the security of a garage where the shutters were pulled down, as they will be all season. The early and ignominous arrival in

the pits saw mechanics scurry-

ing to ower the car, with

Coulthard still sitting in it. in a Dennis has ordered extra security at test sessions and races while the car's acrodynamic secrets will be visible only in 2 high-speed blur on the track. Photographers will tey to take pictures of our new car and we will my to stop them." he said. They are the eyes of the other teams - there is no question

FROM KEVIN EASON IN BARCELONA

looking for more than just a McLaren this year represents casual photograph. They are deliberate and intentional.

"Coming up with new ideas and developing them is 90 per cent of the job. If other teams see something, they can accelerate months of development." nents carried over from the Dennis is confident that the

a more radical step forward than the car of last year, which lapped the entire field in the first race of the season. Traditionally, a new car comprises next week. around 15 per cent of compo-

previous year; this time, the get started in Australia."

Quick click: the new McLaren being towed back to the pits gives photographers a rare chance for a close-up champion only rubbed salt

n the MP4-14 and championship-winning car of last year is measured in single figures, and the public shakedown yesterday was to discover faults before serious testing starts

Coulthard believes the car will give him a head start. He said after his first outing in it resterday: "The engineers have told me that this car is a significant step forward.

We have matured as a team over the past year, particularly with Mika as champion, and that makes us more confident. We are a tight unit and it is going to take a lot to heat us. We have got something the other teams can only dream of. I just cannot wait to

Coulthard's level of enthusiasm yesterday was higher than at any time since the middle of last season, when his championship challenge crumbled in a welter of mechanical breakdowns and lost confidence. Sitting alongside the

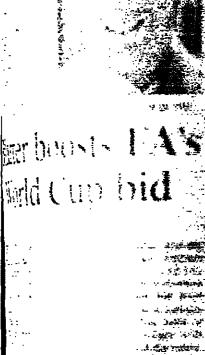
percentage of common parts into the wounds and he is more determined than ever to

> Hakkinen believes that the greatest threat to retaining his title is likely to come from his team-mate. "David is the driver to beat this year. He was a top driver all last season but this year he is going to fight even harder," he said

The champion's assessment of his own chances was characteristically modest, though he looks more relaxed and confident than at any time since he joined Formula One eight seasons ago. "Winning the championship lifted a huge weight from my shoulders," he said, "and I just want to win it a

second time so badly. "But I am not going to think it is easy this year or a piece of cake. There are other top drivers who want to win too, so it will be difficult and I will have to work as hard as ever,"

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# Calderwood can go as Graham starts clear-out

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

COLIN CALDERWOOD, the Scotland central defender, has been told that he can leave Tottenham Hotspur if the club receives the right offer for him. George Graham, the Tottenham manager, wants to trim his wage bill and yesterday he also placed three of his over-seas players — Moussa Saib, Jose Dominguez and Paolo Tramezzani — on the transfer list. They were bought by ought to be interested in Christian Gross and Gerry Francis, Graham's predeces-sors at White Hart Lane.

Saib, the Algeria midfield player, a £2.3 million buy a year ago, has made only five substitute appearances this season. Dominguez, a Portuguese winger, cost £1.6 million in August 1997 but is also superfluous to requirements. Tramezzani, the Italian defender, who arrived from Piacenza for £1.4 million last summer, played in the first seven games of the season but has not featured since the arrival of Graham last October.

Graham paid Blackburn Rovers £4 million for Tim Sherwood, the midfield player, last week and £1.75 million to take Mauricio Taricco, the Argentinian defender, from Ipswich Town in December.

Blackburn have rejected an official transfer request from Tim Flowers, their England goalkeeper. Flowers, 32, lost his place to John Filan while recovering from injury and despite recovering full fitness. has been unable to reclaim the jersey. Blackburn have not received any bids for the player, although several FA Car-ling Premiership clubs are

im. Bolton Wanderers expect to complete the £1 million sign-ing of Bo Hansen, the striker, from Brondby, of Denmark,



## Blatter boosts FA's World Cup bid

SEPP BLATTER, the Fifa

president has said that he will block any attempt to get rid of the British vice-presidency on the world governing body of football.

In recent weeks, high-ranking Fifa members from North America, Asia and Africa have been campaigning for the so-called "British sear" to be removed at the Fifa congress in July. That would strip Britain of its only voice on the Fifa executive committee, which will decide in March next year where the 2006 World Cup is to be staged.

However, Blatter said that he will not allow the proposal to be discussed. "It is not on the agenda and I will not permit it to be," he said. "The congress... has been called to discuss the Fifa budget and nothing else. The British vice-presidency cannot come up for discussion. Definitely not." Blatter's intervention means that the post, at present held by David Will, is safe for at least

another 18 months. leaving him free to canvass support for England's World Cup bid. The move will be welcomed by England's 2006 bid team

and the new regime at Lancaster Gate, which has been at pains to build bridges with Fifa after the "cash-for-votes" scandal that led to the resignations of Graham Kelly, the Football Association chief executive, and Keith Wiseman, the chairman.

Less welcoming was Blatter's statement that his idea to stage a World Cup every two years now had the backing of more than half of his executive committee. This will be the prime subject of discussion when Europe's most powerful clubs - including Liverpool and Manchester United

meet in Madrid today. "I cannot imagine the clubs will agree to this, but we have to know exactly what Mr Blat-ter has in mind," Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the Bayern Munich vice-president, said.

today. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, has been following Hansen's progress for weeks, and the sale of Arnar Gunnlaugsson, to Leiosster City last week, gave him the money with which to act.

John Barnes, 35, the former Liverpoool and England winger, has joined Charlton Athletic from Newcastle United until the end of the season. Ruud Gullit, the Newcastle manager, said: "This will give him the chance to extend his career. He is a great character who has done well for us and we wish him well."

Barnes, 35, has not played for Newcastle since making a substitute appearance on the opening day of the season inmically against Charlton.

Steve Staumton, the Liverpool defender, has been ruled out of the Ireland squad to meet Paraguay in the international match at Lansdowne Road tomorrow because of a

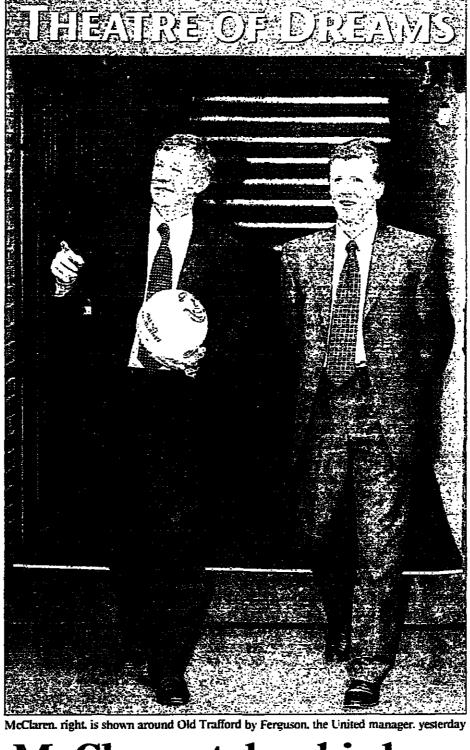
calf injury.
Injuries have already forced Kenna, the Blackburn defender, Rory Delap, the Derby County midfield play-er, and Keith O'Neill, the Norwich City forward, to withdraw from the squad.

Wolverhampton Wanderers have sent an official appeal to the Football Association of Ire-land (FAI) in a bid to get Rob-bie Keane, their striker, released from duty at the World Under-20 Champion ships in Nigeria in April. Keane has been named in Ireland's provisional squad. even though he is recognised as a senior international.

Colin Lee, the Wolves manager, confirmed that an appeal had been sent to the FAI because the club would be without Keane for up to six games if he has to travel to Africa. Wolves hope to be challenging for promotion at the time of the event and Lee said: "Robbie is a full international and we feel this should be taken into account. However, we are aware that if our appeal is turned down there is nothing that we can do as they are with-in their rights to call him up."

Freddie Ardiles, 19, the son of Osvaldo, the former Tottenham and Argentina midfield player, has taken his first steps in English football. Ardiles. who is studying at the University of Warwick, has signed for Bedworth United, of the Dr Martens League.

· Carlo Ancelotti was appointed coach of Juventus, the Italian champions, yesterday after the resignation at the weekend of Marcello Lippi.



## McClaren takes his bow

THE name of Steve McClaren is so unfamiliar that even Martin Edwards. the Manchester United chair-man and chief executive, got it wrong yesterday. However, McClaren should rest assured that Alex Ferguson, the United manager, has no doubts that he has picked the best man to assist him at Old Trafford.

Edwards - referred to McClaren as "McClaridge" as he introduced him to the media, three days after he left his position as assistant manager with Derby County to sign a 31-year contract with United, McClaren, 37, did not let it affect him, however, indicating that he will quickly adapt to the high-profile life at Old Trafford, where United are still seeking success on three fronts: the European Cup. the FA Carling Premier-

ship and the FA Cup.
Ferguson said: 1 carried out a lot of research to find an By Stephen Wood

assistant who was first-class and that I could trust. It took a long time, but every piece of information that came back to us pointed at Steve.

"He is a modern thinker, intelligent but, above all, it was clear that he gained the respect of everyone including the players at Derby. When I telephoned Jim Smith Ithe Derby manager last week, he knew what it was about He said he was dreading me getting in touch about this."

predecessor. Brian Kidd. departed to become manager of Blackburn Rovers nearly three months ago, but, having enjoyed success as Ferguson's assistant, also left a legacy of innovative coaching and youth development.

McClaren said: "It is obvious what an impact Brian had on the club, but it is all part of a challenge that really excites

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me. This is the biggest club in the world, with one of the best groups of players, and it's an opportunity I have been working for all my life.

"I was surprised when I heard Alex was interested in me. As soon as I spoke to him I felt comfortable with the situation and the same goes for when I met the players before the Nottingham Forest game." He would have felt even more comfortable afterwards, his new charges winning &-I.

Ryan Giggs, who injured a hamstring against Derby last week, is winning his race to be fit for United's European Cup quarter-final first lee against Internazionale on March 3. The Wales winger said

vesterday: "The injury is nowhere near as bad as when missed seven weeks last season, when I tore the same hamstring. I have genuine hopes of being fit to face Inter.

**RUGBY UNION** 

## **Sponsor** acts to keep its paint dry

BY MARK SOUSTER

LLOYDS TSB last night agreed to investigate the problems with their on-pitch logoat Lansdowne Road that left players caked in blue and red vegetable dye and Keith Wood admitting that he "looked an idiot". The new sponsor of the Five Nations Championship acted after Roger Pickering. the tournament chief executive, wrote to the bank complaining about the unacceptable nature of the logo, being used for the first time in the championship.

Pickering said: "We have seen matches in the southern hemisphere that have more pitch branding than us and the paint does not get all over the players." Mark Harper. the Lloyds TSB sponsorship manager, said there had not been a problem at Murray-field, where Scotland beat Wales, "We will be looking at matters and learning any les-

sons from this," he said. A six-hour downrour and the quality of the turf at the stadium are being blamed for the problems, which at one stage left Wood with blue dye over his face and head. The Ireland hooker said he had not been troubled by it. "except I am told it made me look an idiot".

Ireland will not be citing Philippe Benetton, the France flanker, for punching Wood. Peter Marshall, the referee. wrongly identified Philippe Bernat-Salles as the culprit with the France wing receivng a vellow card.

It emerged vesterday that Glanmor Griffiths and Eddie lones, of Pontypridd, had met officials from the two Scottish super-districts in Edinburgh on Friday to discuss the leastbility of a Welsh-Scots league. Graham Henry, the Wales

coach, has complained to the International Rugby Board's referee development officer about Ed Morrison's handling of the lineout at Murrayfield. John Evans, the Swansea prop, has been suspended for 14 days after being sent off dur-ing his side's Anglo-Welsh win over West Hartlepool at Victo-

ria Park on Sunday. Norman Hewitt, who has won 23 caps for New Zealand. admitted yesterday that he has an alcohol problem. The All Black hooker broke down in tears and apologised for his drunken behaviour in Queenstown at the weekend. Hewitt. 30, mistook a house for the

team hotel and crashed

through a plate glass window.

severely gashing his arm. Hewitt has been punished by the New Zcaland Rugby Football Union. He said: "My alcohol abuse has been worsened by a number of personal difficulties in recent months."

SKIING

## Kjus just avoids tragic accident

FROM GRAHAM DUFFILL IN VAIL COLORADO

THE men's combined event at the world championships here began with a near-trage dy yesterday as the downhill turned into a wild rollercoast er for skiers.

A course worker or photogapher slid across the path of l asse Kjus just as the big Norwegian was approaching Screech Owl jump at 75mph Kjus did not have to deviate from the racing line but missed him by less than a sec-

The Birds of Prey course is sheet ice and all camera crews have to wear metal crampons just to be able to stand on the

"That should never happen in downhill, it is the most dan-gerous thing that can happen — thank God the guy got off my line." Kjus said at the finish. "I lost my concentration totally.

Kjus was entitled to a rerun hut decided against it as he fin-ished in third place, just 0.14sec behind the leader. Bruno Kernen, of Switzerland.

Kjetil Andre Aamodt, of Norway, the reigning com-bined champion, had a clean run. finishing second just eight one-hundredths behind Kernen, leaving him favourite for the title when the two slalom races are held today.

For some of the downhillers the shortened course at Beaver Creek was a tough test. Kristian Ghedina. of Italy. nearly came to grief after set ting an edge too hard before Screech Owl Jump and finishing fifth. Andrzej Bachleda. of Poland, was thrown flat on his back over a jump. bounced back onto his feet, reset his goggles, which had been knocked back, and finished four seconds behind. Bode Miller, the American wild man, was thrown all over the course before sitting back in a compression above the final, Harrier Jump, over which he was thrown bodily, but managed to ski over the line on one ski to finish eight seconds off the pace.

Andrew Freshwater. Great Britain, came to grief in the same spot but the compression threw him the wrong side of the final gate, disqualifying him. "It was a lot faster than in the downhill and because the course is shorter every body is trying to tuck through the jumps and cut the line as fine as possible," the Scot said. "I cut it too much and couldn't keep forwards

through the compression." Hermann Maier, of Austria, decided not to race in the combined event to concentrate on winning the giant slalom on Friday.

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

## Top clubs are given their way

By Christopher Irvine

THE JJB Super League clubs have won their argument against a mid-season five nations competition. It will now be staged in October and November, which clashes with Great Britain's participation in the new tri-nations tournament in Australia and New

Zealand. The Rugby Football League (RFL) rejected any suggestion that the competition would be devalued by the absence of the 24-strong Britain party, "It has a high degree of preparation with the home nations entered separately in the 2000 World Cup." John Huxley, the RFL media manager, said.

Super League Europe. which represents the 14 leading clubs, has increased the number of matches by seven per club and is opposed to additional international fixtures during the regular Super League campaign.

Mark Reber, newly recruited by Wigan Warriors from North Sydney, may come into contention at scrum half away to Leeds Rhinos in the fourth round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup on Sunday, as Tony Smith is out for up to six weeks with a broken ankle.

Martin Hall, the Wales hooker, signed for Hull Sharks yesterday and is expected to make his debut away to Castleford Tigers on Sunday.

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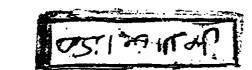
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**TENNIS:** WINNING RETURN FOR BRITISH NO 2 AFTER AUSTRALIAN DISAPPOINTMENT

# Rusedski benefits from extra training

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DUBAN

GREG RUSEDSKI notched up only his second victory of the year last night and earned himself 25 ranking points into the bargain. That leaves 815 to go between now and the middle of March if he is to maintain his place among the world's top ten. That would be no easy task for any player. but the sort of year that Rusedski has been having promises a particularly gruelling uphill struggle. Still, if Rusedski's passage

into the second round of the Dubai Open could hardly be

described as serene, he was equal to the task of getting the better of Sjeng Schalken, of Holland, and did so 6-4, 6-3 in a little more than n hour.

Happy to be away from the slower Rebound Ace surface of the Australian Open and back to his favoured Decoturf, Rusedski huffed and puffed with his first service for most of the first set before finding his range, and with it his confi-

Schalken has had trouble with British players in the past but that does not mean he is a pushover. He played like a drain in Doha to lose to Tim Henman in January but then went on to win his fourth career title in Auckland. Back in the Middle East, he was far from his best. He did come back from 3-2 down to break the Rusedski service, only to drop his own to love in the very next game. Once the first had escaped him. Schalken's heart was not in it

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Certainly Rusedski looked in fine fettle. Despite wearing a less-than-fetching backbrace that resembles a roll-on girdle of the 1950s, he moved well around the court as he showed off the benefits of a punishing training schedule. Since his return from Mel-bourne he has spent more than five hours a day working on his fitness and movement and he plans more of the same. The brace, he claimed. was no more than a comfort. protecting the site of an old injury. If only protecting his

ranking could be as simple. More than half the points he has to defend were won in tournaments in Split and Antwerp that have been dropped from the calendar, leaving him to hunt in new territory to make up the shortfall. Not that he is looking for easy pickings at small events.

"I want to test myself against the top players," he said. "That's the only way I'm going to prove myself and give myself the confidence to win a grand slam." Next on the list here is either Francisco Clavet or Wayne Ferreira.

Petr Korda is also a changed man from the fraught figure who began the season by losing in Doha. Then, he was unsure how long he could battle against the tide of headlines. rumours and court cases and still keep playing tennis. After his first round victory over Alberto Martin, a lucky loser from Spain, he was still talking about the end of his career, but this time it was on his terms, not those of the International Tennis Federation.

Martin has the walk of a man who has spent too long in count of his thighs, which, for frame of mind, the only thing good boy or a bad boy. I can't 1997."

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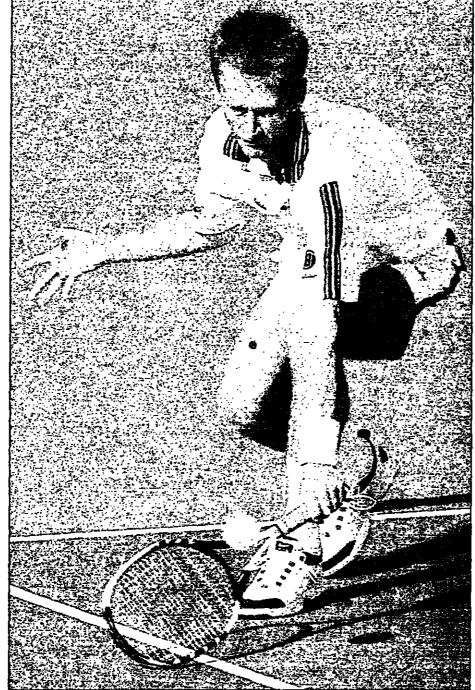
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Korda, making a backhand return against Martin, is to spend more time with his family

a chap of only 5ft 9in, are of staggeringly generous proportions, ensuring that there is lit-tle chance of his knees ever touching. There was scant chance of his racket touching Korda's forehand either as the Czech went through 6-3, 6-4. "I need to play as many matches as I can," Korda said. "Last year I had a long run of losing matches and I have to get back

my confidence and my match

he can see stopping him now is his family. In September, his daughter will enrol in school in Prague and Korda wants to be there to see it. when he should be playing in the US Open. "For years my tennis has come first, now it is my turn to make the sacrifice."

"Obviously it has changed me a bit," Korda said of the scandal after he failed a drugs test at Wimbledon last year. "I say exactly how, but I will always have my friends and fam-

He played down the signifiance of the Czech Tennis Federation's decision to ban him from the Czech championships and the Davis Cup team. "I was not invited to the meeting which decided this and I was not informed," he said. "I understand I am banned, but I have not played in the championships since 1987 and have

## Dip in form puts Hendry at bottom of the table

STEPHEN HENDRY uttered one word at his postmatch press conference after losing to Tony Drago in the quarter-finals of the Irish Open in December. After again falling victim to Drago in the second round of the Benson and Hedges Masters yesterday. Hendry managed six words, but, if anything, his

mood was even blacker. After a 6-4 defeat in a tournament that he has won six times since 1989. Hendry was asked if his latest setback was depressing. "I'm getting used to it." he said, but the Scot is clearly finding it difficult to come to terms with his present ineffectiveness.

Hendry, who between 1989 and 1994 prevailed in 23 consecutive matches at the Masters, had not previously failed to negotiate his opening engagement

In contrast. Drago. who trailed Hendry 12-0 in career meetings before eliminating him from the German Masters and Irish Open this seaBY PHIL YATES

son, had lost on all four of his appearances at Wembley. Shaky from the outset. Hendry trailed 3-0 but, when he won four of the next five frames to draw level at 4-4. Drago appeared destined to collapse, as he has done so often on important occasions. Instead, the Maltese, unpredictable and naturally tal-

Hendry: ineffective

counted for what proved to be the closing two frames in only 12 minutes, with breaks of 121 and 116. Drago, who had also constructed a 113 clearance in the second frame, plays John Parrott or Anthony Hamilton in the quarter-finals. "Considering where I was and who I was playing, this

ented in equal measure, ac-

has to be my greatest performance." Drago, a professional since 1985, said. "I've played all over the world but this is the only venue that makes me feel nervous a week before the tournament starts. "Stephen obviously isn't

playing all that well but this says a lot about my character. I don't care if he's wearing a blindfold. To beat him three times on the trot and to beat him at the Masters is an achievement."

Hendry has not won a title on British soil since the Inter-national Open of February 1997. The problem is simple enough to diagnose: a chronic shortage of confidence.

#### SPORT IN BRIEF

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succession.

**E OLYMPICS:** Eight members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will be named for receiving hospitality beyond necessary levels" when Nagano's report is published into how the city secured the 1998 Winter Games, a Japanese official said vesterday (John) Goodbody writes).

Yushiro Yagi, the Japanese Olympic Committee's secretary general, said that three of the eight were likely to be the focus of IOC attention but declined to name either the individuals or their nationalities. The report is due to be sent to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne by Monday.

**E BOXING:** Herbie Hide has withdrawn from his defence of the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight title against Orlin Norris, of the United States, in Newcastle on Saturday. Hide is suffering from a skin allergy. It is the second time the fight has fallen through. with Norris pulling out of

scheduled bouts last year

because of knee injuries.

BADMINTON: Darren Hall E CYCLING: Festing and extended his record to ten-TVM, who were entangled in men's singles bues at the the 1998 Tour de France doping scandal, are eligible Liverpool Victoria national championships at Haywards for the race this year. Heath in Sussex, beating organisers said yesterday. Colin Haughton, the England No 2 from Manchester, 6-15, 15-7, 15-5 in a repeat of last

**E 2001BALL:** Dulwich College, the holders, shared the trophy with Tonbridge in the Independent Schools Lent terms six-a-side competition on Sunday. The final finished 1-1 after extra-time.

#### **WORD-WATCHING**

Answers from page 43 PACU

(b) A large, vegetarian, freshwater fish from northern parts of South America. REINE CLAUDE

(a) The eponym of a type of greengage. Perhaps from the name of Claude (1499-1524), daughter of Louis XII. ct in Nigeria, a native hut. "Where do you skeep with your wife.

in your obi or in her own hut? asked the medicine-man." RYO (c) A former Japanese monetary unit. "I will kill anyone or accept a mission of the sword for five hundred tyo."

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE 1 Qxh8+! Bxh8 ... 2 Rxf7+Kg8 ... 3 Nh6 checkmate

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

## The original X files

What a satisfying series this has been, including Howard Davidson's accompanying music which. unobtrusively, can make the hair on the back of the neck stand on end. This last of four documentaries about the role of Bletchley Park in winning the Second World War — its code-breakers having already cracked the Enigma variations in the German Air Force and Navy — shows over the second standard of the second standard world's first computer, known for obvious reasons as Colossus, was able, by 1944, to foretell the position of all Germany's 62 divisions. That led to D-Day and the beginning of the end. It is arguable that Station X shortened the war by two years and saved millions of lives. Yet until this series very little indeed was known about the place.

BBC2, 9.25pm

The final journey in this delightful series is a little different in that the traveller is not British, not a journalist, television celebrity or politician, and not white. Enter the Hollywood actor Danny Glover, whose chosen beat is the oldest railway in Africa—through Senegal into Mali's Dogon country on the Bamako Express. Glover, recently appointed the first Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations. Development Programme, begins with a visit to the notorious House of Slaves on Gorce Island where he imagines his ancestors may have awaited their own bitter journey to America. But the mood picks up with a side trip to Youssou N'Dour's recording studio in Dakar to sample the latest West African music.

Vicious Circle BBCl. 10pm (Scotland 10.30pm)

Movie buffs may feel they have been here before, - a recent film about "The General" won awards and must be fresh in the memory. The General in this Northern Ireland production, written by Kieran Prendiville, is still the same real character: Martin Cahill, the one-time Mr Big of the Dublin underworld. This is a hard-edged, murky tale, not without huroour, of how Cahill (Ken Stott, cast against the grain) outwitted not only the Irish Garda and their undercover police, but the IRA

Ken Stott as the Irish criminal Martin Cahili in Vicious Circle (BBCl, times vary)

who seem to have resented the success of his (non-political) operations. Stott wears the familiar trademark of an anorak to blot out half his face and, again like Cahill, is kind to children and his own racing pigeons. He is also demonstrably and irrationally cruel. The high point of this complicated thriller is the General's brilliantly orchestrated heist of famous paintings from the Beit Collection at Russborough House. Co Wicklow.

Children of the Sewers

Desmond Wilcox's first film on the street children of Bogota in Colombia — The Lost Children — was shown on the BBC in 1991 and prompted an impressive response and the founding of a charity. Children of the Andes, Linchpin of the film was Jaime Jaramillo, a wealthy businessman who had set up safe housing for children who had taken refuge in the sewers. For his pains he received death threats and some of his orphans were actually shot at. In this new film the head of Colombian Child Welfare admits that there are actually actually welfare admits that there are actually actually welfare admits that there are all accurate. still some 30,000 kids on the streets and in sewers "There's more drug abuse, more sexual exploit-ation..." But this update reports on considerable success among the Jaramillo charges as they enter adulthood and we do hear that, on balance, eight years on, some things have changed for the better.
But sadly, not enough ... Elizabeth Cowley

The investigative programme turns its attention to the Labour Government's pledges on animals, in particular their use in experimentation. Labour came to power promising a new life for animals and produced a detailed catalogue of proposals that would ban the use of animals in many experimental and produced the lead of puffering is experiment.

ments and reduce the level of suffering in others.

Animal rights campaigners claim that very little
has actually happened, in spite of the recent ban on
the use of animals for cosmetic research, which
apparently accounts for fewer than one in every

thousand experiments. There is of course another side to the coin and researchers increasingly complain about being hampered by government restrictions on animal experiments.

**BBC WORLD SERVICE** 

5.00sm The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 Outlook 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Performance 8.20 Off the Shelf: Boyhood 8.35 Discovery 9.00 World News 8.05 The Moonstone 9.20 Inspiration! 9.50 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Shitain Today 10.45 Good Books 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00pm World News 12.05 Outlook 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 3.05 Sports Round-Up 3.15 Westway 3.30 Everywomen 4.00 World

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Balley's Easter Breaklest. Soothing music and information updates 8.00 Henry Kelly. The Hall of Fame Hour and Record of the Week 12.00pm Lunchtime Requests, Jane Jones introduces a selection of listeners' tevourite pieces of

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Radio 4, 8.00pm

Afternoon Play: On the Rob

"I have reason to believe that you have several items in your bag which have not been paid for." Those are the chill words of a store detective in this drama-documentary by Rachel Bentham and the detective's cold formality helps to give this 45 minutes a sense of authenticity that is not diminished by the fact that the case histories have been fictionalised. Anna Massey plays Gillian, one of the shop-lifters, a sixtysomething middle-class widow with a rich fantasy life that is portrayed in neat counterrich fantasy life that is portrayed in neat counterrich tantasy life that is portrayed in heat counter-point to the humdrum realities of stealing. Moti-vation? Excitement, rebellion, need. One shoplifter says: "It was a dark period and I got a tremendous kick out of it, laced with a bit of unease... which I glossed over, I pushed that one away."

#### RADIO 1 (BBC)

2.00 Mark Raddite 4.00 Citris Moyles 5.45 Newsber 6.00 Dave Pearce. Chart hits 8.00 Steve Lamacq: The Evening Session. Session tracks from Sebadon and Stoke 16.00 Digita Update 10.10 John Peel. John Woodbine in session 12.0 The Breezeblock 2.00 Clive Warren 4.00 Scott Mile

#### RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00mm Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Richard Alinson 12.00pm Jammy Young 2.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bits 8.00 Nigel Opden 9.00 A Bnef History. Honor Blackman looks at the vanous styles of knickers through the ages 10.00 Susan Jeffreys Says Make It a Double (5/6) 10.30 Nicky Horna 12.00pm Kathna Leskanich 3.00 Mo Dutta

#### RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00em Morning Reports 6.00 Breaklast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00pm The Midday News with Annie Webster 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Edita 7.30 The Tuesday Match, England v France. Coverage of tonight's under-21 international 10.00 Late Night Live with Nick Robinson 1.00em Up Ali Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am The Big Boys Breaklast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00pm My Favourite Year 1.00 Anna Raeburn 3.00 Peter Deeley 5.00 The SportZone 7.00 Eubank's People 8.00 James Whale 1.00am (an Collins and the Creatures of the Night)

#### VIRGIN

6.30em Chris Evans 9.30 Mark Fornest 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott 6.45 Peter and Geoff 10.00 James Menth 1.00am Steve Power 4.30 Richard Alten

# Jones introduces a selection of listeners' tevourite pieces of music 2.00 Concerto. Rodrigo (Concerto Serenade for Harp and Orchestra) 3.00 Jamie Crick, Includes information updates, Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romanos 6.30 Newsnight, Sport, finance and news updates, with John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. John Brunning ritroduces classical sounds 9.00 Evening Concert, Mechaut (Messe de Notre Dame), Liszt (St Francois de Paule Marchant sur les Flots); Part (The Bearbudes); Ravel (Daphrils and Crice) 11.00 Mann at Night, Music and conversation through the snall hours with Alan Mann 2.00am Concerto. Rodrigo (Concerto Serenade for Harp 2.00am Concerto. Rodrigo (Concerto Serenade for Harp 2.00am Concerto. Rodrigo (Concerto Serenade for Harp and Orchestra) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show RADIO 3

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawny Mozart (An Chioe): Straiss (Horn Concerto No 1)
9.00 Masterworks with Penny Gore Includes Suppe (Overture Poet and Peasant), Mozart (Violin Sonata in G. K301). Handel (Che Pui so Tarda)
10.30 Artist of the Week: Leonard Slatkin
11.00 Sound Stories: Five Femmes Fatales Peggy Reynoids tells the story of Mala Hari
12.00pm Composer of the Week: Telemann
1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from Broadcasting House, Bellast Stephen Coombs and Jenathan Plowegit, plana
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BSC Symphony Orchestra under Mark Eder and Pietre Boulez, BBC Symphony Chous. Prokofiev (Dearns); Shostakovich (Symphony No 2, To October). Protoice (Cartiala for the Twentieth Anniversary of the Cicober Revolution)
4.00 Volcas with ian Burnside in

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4.45 Music Machine with Venty Sharp.
5.00 In Tune Sean Rafferty is cored by Philip Pickett and Edward de Souza.
7.45 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London ASMF under Iona Brown, violin Bartok (Divertimento); Sotten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge).

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Arna Hit 6.00 Today with Sue MacGrecor and James Naughtie 8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Partiement 9.00 No Triumph, No Tragedy Disabled achievers from America talk limitally with Peter White (6/6) 9.30 The New Recruit The debate surrounding the cole of the mydwin nitre britton crosses.

role of the midwle in the birthing process. 9.45 (LW) Delily Service Director of music lan Tracey 9.45 (FM) Serial: The Tulip Arma Payord reads part

two of ner history of the popular flower (2/5)

10.00 Woman's Hour with Shela McClermon

11.00 Nature Understanding a garden's ecology (n)

11.30 Coming Affive Terry's new-found fove provokes a criss of conscience

12.00pm (LW) News Heedlines; Shipping Forecast

12.00 (FM) News 12.04 You and Yours Topical

1.30 My Mistress Music Madame de Pompadour gained entry to the Court of Versalles by virtue of her singing talent. Lucie Skeaping, Michael Burden and David Pomott unravel the story (2/5)

2.00 The Archers (r) 2.15 Afternoon Play: On the Rob Rachel Bentham's dramaisation of the real-life tales of four former shoptities, starring Anna Massey and John Teller See Choco 3.00 The Exchange 0870 010 0444 Eddie Mar

assesses frieners' opinions of a topical issue Going, Going, Gone Farmers in Aberdeenshat hope for a good price for their cattle at the

inventive Nestock audion (2:5) (f)

3.45 This Sceptred late Anna Mossey narrates part 27 of the history of Britain

4.00 The Learning Curve The Times polumnist Libby Purves presents the education guide

8.40 Book of the Month. An extended review of one of the month's most interesting new publications 9.00 Concert, part two. Tippetf (Little Musc): Strauss (Metamorphosen)
9.55 Postscript: Magnum at the Milleranium A look at half a century of war photography (2/5) (f)
10.20 Potent Plays Chopin Maurizo Politni, piano.
Chopin (Barcarolle in F sharp. Op 60): Polonaise in F sharp minor. Op 44)
10.45 Night Wares Richard Coles and guests discuss Limberto Eco's Serendipities, a new book exploring funation theories behind history
11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shripton presents the second part of Keith Smith's Helty Jazz with Kate McNab
12.00am Composer of the Weels Liszt (f)
1.00 Through the Night with Donald Macleod. 1.00
Bavanan RSO under Riccardo Mutt. Andrea Rost and Luciano D'Intino. sopranos, Paul Groves, tenor. Alastir Miles, bass. Bavenan RSO Chonis. Beethoven (Symphony No. 1 in C); Rossmi (Stabat Mater) 2.25 Robert de Visee (State in Emmor)
3.00 Schools: Playtime 3.15 Time to Move 3.35
Le's Make a Story 3.50 Drama Workshop 4.10 in the News 4.30 Hop. Skip and Jump 4.45 Anns a' bhad 5.00 Beethoven (Flano Sonafa in E flat, Op 31 No.3) 5.45 J C.F. Bech (Sinfona in D minor)

#### RADIO 4

4.30 Shop Talk Business matters, presented by Heading Payton
5.00 PM with Clare English and Chris Lowe
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Cheese Shop Presents: The Butter Factor

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7.00 The Archers William has a day to remember
7.15 Front Row John Wilson takes in the week's arts news and considers this year's Oscar nominations
7.45 Speeking for Themselves: The Personal Letters of Winston and Clementitie Churchill Starting Alex, Jernings Broadcast earlier as part of Woman's Hour (r)
8.00 File on 4 Julian O'Halloran reveals the disturbing facts behind the vivisection business. See Choice

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9.00 Behind the Brain Geoff Walts investigates the race to solve the greatest mystery in the science of the mind — human consciousness (2/4)
9.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy (f)
10.00 The World Tonight Presented by Justin Webb
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Mark Twain Stories Keisey Grammer reads Twain's sabre. The Facts in the Great Beef Contract (f)
11.00 Late Night on 4: Angus Deayton's History of Alternative Comedy Review of the alternative comedy scene, featuring interviews and performances by Tracey Ullman. Ben Eton and French and Saunders (2/4)
11.30 (FM) Talking Pictures Weekly Quide to films and

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11.30 (FM) Talking Pictures Weekly guide to films and film-going, with Snan Sibley

12.00am News 12.30 The Late Book: Lemona's Tale Adjoa Andioh reads part three of Ken Saro-Wiwa's tale set in a Nigeran prison

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198: MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE MRV 663, 909. WORLD SERVICE, MW 848; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRIGIH RADIO. RM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by lan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and



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# Mummy's boys and girls should be grateful

obody — some man once said — can misunder- cooked up for the cameras.

relationship had, in fact, been with him was that I had to Hoover. "Oddly, there were no fathers stand a boy like his own mother: though he was probably some mother's son himself, and therefore very likely biased. It was a view only partially borne out by Anne Parisio's film Mummy's Boy for Channel 4's Cutting Edge, an impressionistic portrait of three mothers who had close bonds with sons, all of whom all still lived at home with their mothers even though they worked and earned their salaries.

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This is a situation many of us might find peculiar, but only because we are not Italian. In Italy men are still living with their mothers when they're 50: the men, that is, not the mothers. Mummy's Boy was to have been

the companion piece to Daddy's Girl, the documentary pulled from the schedules last year after Channel 4 learnt it had been hoaxed. A possessively close father-daughter You feel a similar trick can't

have been played on the makers of Mummy's Boy - but mostly because all three couples featured seem so unexceptional, even if one of the mothers did glory in the attention of the cameras. This was Ranna, who, unfeelingly, told us that she'd like Simeon, her 20-year-old son, to move out because, well, he's dull and he's uninspiring company.

Actually Ranna gets on Sime-

on's nerves as much as he gets on hers, which is a love of sorts. Her habit of vacuum-cleaning the house at 2am, which Ranna describes as "a compulsion . . . some people have to have their nightcap, I have to Hoover". Her libido's to blame. "The Hoo-

ver bit started when I was married. I'd gone off sex with my husband, and the only excuse I could think of for not getting into bed

in any of the three households featured: nor were there any truly well-to-do mummy's boys.

others, for all their faults, at least have the bonus of being women. After watching Snapshot: Helen Mirren (BBCI), in which the actress criss-crossed South Africa on behalf of Oxfam meeting some of the thousands of women and children whose lives have been blighted by men's barbarity, you won-dered if the world wouldn't be a better place if there were fewer men around. There are 30 murders a day in South Africa: thousands of rapes, muggings and carjackings every week.

With 13 million firearms in the country, many children watch shootings as regularly as your children watch cartoons. Some 300 police officers are shot dead every

**REVIEW** 

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year: combine this with their low wages, and it might explain why police don't rush in like fools into ganglands where even angels would fear to tread.

The bleakest moment of this tender and moving film detonated. like a landmine, when a smart, smiling schoolgirl - her name was Lydia - volunteered a story which she hadn't even told her classmates. It was the story of

how, one night, the family car found itself driving past a gunfight between two men. Her father stamped hard on the accelerator. But once they were clear of the violence Lydia realised that her mother had been shot in the crossfire.

By the time they got to a hospital, her mother was dead, and Lydia was no longer a mummy's girl. Nor, soon after, even a dad-dy's girl. Unable to shoulder the burden - of what, grief? fatherhood? - her father subsequently abandoned Lydia and her two brothers. But the film was honest enough

to show smiling faces, too; faces of people who are persuading themselves that their luck will change, otherwise why bother going on? Just as Dr Johnson thought the most surprising thing about a woman's preaching was not that it wasn't done well, but that it was done at all, so the surprising thing about the process of peace and rec-

that it isn't going smoothly, but that - given the daunting odds stacked against it - that there's still any process there at all. For those who feared she'd be a

luvvie on the loose. Mirren turned out to be a discreet, thoughtful and compassionate guide. Leaving Lydia's schoolroom, she confessed: The last thing I said to her was. Lydia, I promise things will get better for you. I promise you. That was all I could say. I don't know whether what I said was true or

Tou'd call what many South Africans lead "a dog's life" if it weren't that most abandoned dogs get better treatment than this. In Animal Police (BBCI), a new docuscap following a bunch of trainees hoping to make the grade as RSPCA officers. there was even a whole afternoon devoted just to the etiquette of in-

onciliation in South Africa is not that it isn't going smoothly, but sackside. "What you must never. ever do," said the farmer showing the nervous rookies his little thermometer, "is let go of this: because if the calf coughs, it shoots out; and if it takes a sharp intake of breath.

it's going up in there!"
Tony Hart, 25, from Notting-ham, was first up. He inserted the thermometer into the call's rear as if threading a needle, gripping it firmly lest it get sucked in like a matchstick up a Hoover nozzle.

Later Tony was practising his public speaking in front of his fel-low trainees, because officers are expected to talk about the RSPCA's work to schools and institutions. "My name is Inspector Hart." Tony began "and I'm from the RSPCA. An inspector's job is very varied, but what do you think one of the most important things is?" If any schoolboy guesses that it's "holding on tight to the thermometer". I'll eat my hat.

HINE COBC PERSON 6.00am Business Breakfast (37847) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (40248)

9.00 Kilroy (T) (8110373) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (4526248) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (6681712)

11.00 Real Rooms (6608489) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (6678248) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (1851335) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (44915)

12.30 Wipeout (3510557) 12.55 The Weather Show (T) (48324199) 1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (43335) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (47046267)

1.40 Neighbours Joel pushes his luck with Sally (T) (25925422) 2.05 Live Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters John Higgins takes on the Canadian Alain Robidoux for a place in

the quarter-finals (3072083) 2.55 Sody Spies Healthy pizzs (5326373) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6249002) 3.45 The Enchanted Lands: The Adventures of the Wishing Chair (2133286) 3.55 Hububb (3273977) 4.10 Chromunks Go to the Movies (3451712) 4.35 The Really Wild Show (5011267) 5.00 Newsround (2551335) 5.10 Grange Hill (6103977)

5.33 Rewind (T) (155539) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (477644) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (422)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (642) 7.00 Holiday . Jill Dando checks out Rethymnon in Crete; Michael McNally heads for the Maldives; Sankha Guha

goes skiing in Switzerland (T) (1809) 7.30 EastEnders Mary discovers a shocking



Victoria (Lisa Faulkner) saves a man's life with quick thinking (8pm)

8.00 Holby City An emergency forces Victoria to think on her feet to bring a patient back from the brink (T) (784644)

8.50 8.50 to Paddington Green Having successfully auditioned for the West End musical Annie, 12-year-old Dominique Moore eagerly awaits news of who will play the lead role (T) (611267) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;

Weather (T) (7828) 9.30 Workers at War New series. Sales-

people trading in anything from computers to sexy knackers describe how they strive to achieve a specified level of attainment at work (1/4) (T) (59335)

10.00 CROICE Vicious Circle Dramabsation based on actual events, stamng Ken Stott as Dublin criminal Martin "The General" Cahill (T) (901002) 11.45 Death Dreems (TVM 1991) A couple experience a series of supernatural events following their daughter's accidental drowning. Eerie thriller, starring Christopher Reeve. Directed by

Martin Donovan (T) (631064) 1.15am Weather (5581381) 1.20 BBC News 24 (56485132)

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7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: The Little Polar Bear (3377422) 7.05
Teletubolés (6295064) 7.30 Snorks
(6074731) 7.55 Blue Peter (1471034)
8.20 Taz-Mania (7166712) 8.40 Polka
Dot Shorts (3145460) 8.50 The Little
Polar Bear (3141644) 9.00 German Globo (6226083) 9.05 Hallo aus Bertin (6225354) 9.10 Working It Out (7736511) (6225354) 9-10 Working It Out (7736511)
9-25 Techno (4955880) 9-45 Numbertime (1052557) 10.00 Teletubbies (20996) 10.30 Watch (2042151) 10.45 Teaching Today (569793) 11.15 Megamaths (5367642) 11.35 Words and Pictures (8751002) 11.50 History File (8738151) 12.10pm English Express (9708880) 12.30 Working Lunch (60441) 1.00 Oakie Doke (94307489)

1.10 The Travel Hour (r) (9054151) 2.10 Wildlife on Two (r) (T) (61100460) 2.40 News; Weather (T) (3479538) 2.45 Westminster (T) (2919880)

3.25 News; Weather (1) (5800278) 3.30 Live Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters More from John Higgins's clash with Alain Robidoux (487083) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air American

teen comedy (r) (T) (313248) 6.25 The O Zone (1) (400248) 6.45 Live Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters John Parrott takes on Anthony

7.30 From the Edge Psychiatric support for the deaf and how the press portray the disabled (T) (828)

8.00 University Challenge Selwyn College, Cambridge v Leicester (T) (8199) 8.30 Rick Stein's Seafood Odyssey Rick casts his eye over a selection of tempting That and American dishes (T) (7606) 9.00 The Morecambe and Wise Show With the Beverley Sisters and Chris Barber's Jazz Band (r) (T) (690915)



Danny Glover mixes with the locals on his trip across Africa (9.25pm)

9.25 GROICE Greet Railway Journeys Hollywood actor Danny Glover travels across Africa along the continent's oldest railway line, the Bamako Express (T) (344170)

10.15 Coming Clean: The Truth About Housework House-proud homeowners (1) (606996) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (T) (595441)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (162880) 11.15 Snooker: Benson and Hedges Masters (961373) 12.00am Despatch Box (24497)

12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University: Artware - Computers in the Aris 1.00 Hard Questions, Solt Answers 1.30 Making the News 2.00 Schools Special Needs — Go for it 4.00 Languages: The French Experience 9-12 5.00 Business and Training: Career Moves —
Telecommunications 5.45 Open University. Taking Off 6.10 What's All This HIV "ES"

5.30am ITN Morning News (40809) 6.00 GMTV (9530314) 9,25 Trisha (T) (5587199)

10.30 This Morning (T) (11684606) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (7253335) 12.30 ITM Lunchtime News (1) (64267) 1.00 Shortland Street (61731) 1.30 Home and Away Robert is on the loose

/TI (63538) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (5905538) 2.45 Supermarket Sweep (T) (839064) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (1105660)

3.20 HTV News (T) (4355183) 3.25 CITV: Mopetop's Snop (1000016) 3.35 Rosie and Jm (3288009) 3.50 The Wombles (2125267) 4.00 Rupert (6324199) 4.25 Mike and Angelo (3441335) 4.50 How 2 (7735248)

5.10 A Country Practice (9343267) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (1) (180985) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (305052) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (333002) 6.25 WALES: Wates Tonight (T) (287460) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (689828) 6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (1) (170)

7.00 Emmerdate The vet's practice is thrown into turmoil (T) (6977) 7.30 WEST: West Eye View Richard Lyddon reports on the state of overcrowded Bristol Prison (354)

7.30 WALES: Fishlock's Wild Tracks The Vale of Clwyd (T) (354) 8.00 The Bill Garfield has to solve the mystery of a decapitated corpse lished from the River Thames (T) (4606)

9.00 Peak Practice First of a two-part episode As David agonises over whether to leave Clare for Patricia, a temble accident threatens to lear everyone's lives apart (6/13) (T) (7170)

10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (30712) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (485373)



Jalme Jaramillo with five-year-old Sarita in Bogotá (10.40pm)

19.40 CHOKE Children of the Sewers
Harrowing documentary about the plight of homeless children in Colombia (T) (294828)

11.40 WEST: Pleasure Guide Regional entertainment magazine (633118) 11.40 WALES: Anatomy of Disaster Forest and bush fires (323199) 12.10am Tales from the Crypt A murdered

photographer returns from the dead. Ten Halcher stars (r) (6045836) 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank Ineverent elevision review with Ed Hall (5713403)

1.10 Highlander (r) (8567958) 2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (1192836) 2.35 Wish You Were Here? (r) (1) (1578403)

3.00 Judge Judy (r) (T) (80370300) 3.25 Football Extra (r) (6034478) 4.20 Coach Luther considers investing in a tourist attraction (39673229)

4.45 Soundtrax (85285497) 5.00 ITV Nightscreen (99316) A VALUE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR

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1.30 The Millennial Miniatures (90686199) 1.35 Travelog Treks Venice (r) (47052828)

1.50 Springfield Rifle (1952) A Union officer
attempts to infiltrate the Confederate
torces to discover who is arming them
Starring Gary Cooper. Directed by Andre
de Toth (T) (46620996)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (248) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (593) 4.30 Countdown (T) (5005606)

4.55 Ricki Lake (1) (3669809) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (847)

6.00 Dishes Dating show (r) (T) (460) 6.30 Home Improvement (T) (712) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (939606)

7.50 The Millennial Ministures (T) (584354) 8.00 Brookside Nikki reveals the rapist's

identity (T) (3267) 8.30 Classic Aircraft How developments in the held of fighter aircraft led to creation of the hugely successful Hurricane. Last in senes (8/8) (T) (5002)

9.00 CROICE Station X Insight into how, having broken the Enigma codes, the brains of Bletchley Park turned their attention to the enemy's more elaborate ciphers (4/4) (T) (5712)

10.00 Father Ted Jack breathes his last (6/6) (r) (T) (38354)

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long-running battle lought on the city's walls Last in series (T) (838441) 11.35 Circus Days, Circus Night The luture of



Christopher Lee as the mysterious

12.40am The Wicker Man (1973) Puntanical police officer Edward Woodward falls foul of a pagan cutt on a remote Scottish island. Horror, with Christopher Lee Directed by Robin Hardy (139749)

William Golding's novel about a group of 2.15 Lord of the Files (1963) Adaptation of schooloovs who descend into savagery while margoned on a tropical island 3.45 Two Minus One (r) (1) (19627294)

4.00 Schools: The English Program: (873294) 5.35 Off Limits (8267792)

6.00am 5 News and Sport (6601606)

7.00 WideWorld Efforts to educate th women of Kerala in India (r) (T) (6076847)

7.30 Milkshake! (9892101)

7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (3221373) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (4004847)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (4003118) 9.00 Instant Gardens (r) (T) (4087170)

9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6174809) 10.20 Sunset Beach Emily is blinded while driving (T) (1174002)

11.10 Leeza (4583625) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (4074606)

12.30 Family Affairs Mana and Serge come to crisis point with Roy (r) (T), 5 News Update (9019880) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Lauren gives Grant a warning (T) (6075118) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Enk Estrada, star

of cult US cop show CHIPS, joins the outlandish comedian for a chat; 5 News Update (9018151) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5264880)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine; 5 News Update (1817460) 3.30 Lucky Day (TVM 1991) A mentally handicapped woman becomes the object of a custody battle between her caring sister and alcoholic mother after

Directed by Donald Wrye (T) (9801422) 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T): 5 News Update (4546183)

winning a fortune. With Amy Madigan

6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz 6.30 Family Affairs Clive plans a least (T)

(6412977) 7.00 S News; Weather (T) (5275936) **7.30 Malaysian Jungle** Portrait of one of Malaysia's nosiest residents, the proboscis monkey (T), 5 News Update

(6441489) 8.00 Volcano The work of vulcanologists who risk death in their study of one of the Earth's most dazzling phenomena, examining eruptions around the world from Colombia to Hawaii (r) (T); 5 News

Update (1363118) 9.00 My Blue Heaven (1990) A New York Mafia hood takes up residence in suburban California while awaiting a cronies, and proves dutie a handful for the FBI man assigned to watch over him Cornedy caper, starring Steve Martin, Rick Moranis, Joan Cusack, Melanie Mayron and Carol Fane. Directed by

Herbert Ross (T) (99738915) 10.50 Two A hard-bitten police officer forces Gus into becoming a pawn in his plan to bring down a notonous family of mobsters (9322828)

11.45 The Jack Docherty Show With The Divine Comedy (7987731)

12.25am Live and Dangerous Action from the AMA Supercross (11999010)

3.45 Asian Football Show Weekly round-up (3395497)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H An outbreak of trouble leads to a number of rooms being wrecked (3287010)

5.20 Russell Grant's Postcards The Tower of London (r) (39853584) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (9993836)

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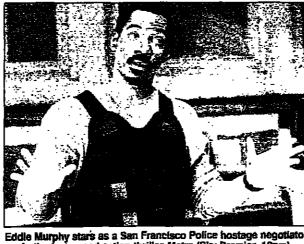
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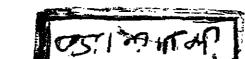
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England players respond positively to relaxed new regime

# Wilkinson finds approval

IN ONE respect and one respect only. Howard Wilkin-Glenn Hoddle had left off as the England coach. The care-taker embarked on his own quick flit into astral realms after his first session in charge of the squad at Bisham Abbey. but if flying through the heavens with Hoddle was like a green-gilled ride in a light aircraft, travelling with Wilkinson was more akin to sitting on the flight deck of a jumbo

Suddenly, everything seems smooth and simple again. Suddenly, the England camp is not a place that oozes suspicion and discord. In all that he did and said and promised. Wilkinson made everybody feel as though they were waking from a bad dream. The players, whose self-belief has been drained, whose confidence in their previous coach had evaporated, felt it most

Tony Adams sat in his seat

Tottenham clear-out McClaren clocks on.

laughing because he had felt fit enough to train on the Monday after a Saturday game and because Gareth Southgate had made fun of him for it. He said he did not want to talk about his feelings towards Hoddle because it would only open a can of worms". "Let's just leave it at the fact that I feel sorry for anyone who loses their job." he said.

Across the room. Andy Cole smiled broadly, a symbol of the spirit of reconciliation and commonsense man-manage-ment that Wilkinson already seems to have brought to the table. Hoddle's public criticism of Cole had led to the Manchester United forward labelling him "a coward". Wilkinson promptly said that Cole would play some part against France at Wembley tomorrow night to rid him of his bitterness, "to seal the

Wilkinson lapped it all up. He seems to be thoroughly enjoying his spell in the limelight after two years working in the shadows as the Football Association's technical director. He meandered a little but he did it with self-deprecation.

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Under orders: Ferdinand, right, and Beckham listen intently as Wilkinson conducts his first England training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday

and humour, other characteristics that have recently become against the world champions. instance, that he would name ties that have recently become "It would be nice suddenly to his team this afternoon rather said, was of most value as a lost to the post. His excursion ter rather than dumbfounded

amazement. "People continually ask me what my plans are after Thurs-day and I look through my diary and can't see any spare time. In the past week or so I have sometimes felt in need of a 'beam-me-up Scottie' situation." he said when pressed about whether he had decided if he wanted to remain as the England coach after the match

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get whisked away in a space capsule and spend some time spinning above the world," he said. "It all looks very nice from up there, but ultimately you have to return to reality and face up to what has to be done. At the moment, though, I can honestly say all my thoughts are tuned to the

game and nothing else." In terms of public relations, the weakest of Hoddle's many weak points. Wilkinson was

an instant hit. He said, for

than attempt to conceal it until the last minute, a futile ploy that had become an obsession with his predecessor. "I cannot see a single good reason not to

do it." Wilkinson said. He said that he had not been asked by the FA whether he would be willing to continue in the job until the crucial European championship qualifying match against Poland at Wembley on March 27, but it was clear nevertheless that he is planning for the long term.

preparation for the Poland

"The players are not fools," he said. "They know what the Poland game means. If we lost to Poland, we would have to climb a glass mountain Ito qualify). I spoke to them about it when they arrived last night. It wasn't exactly Churchillian. hut I tried to put the game into context and point out to them what they should be looking to get from the game against

about sacrificing a result for a good performance. What we want is that the players go into the game against Poland believing they can win at Wembley because they have just done it against France. A victory against Poland would make that glass mountain more

My biggest problem is that I have not got my finger on the pulse as quickly as Glenn Hoddle would have done. I have had to make certain assumptions about those who think have strong characters within the group and it is important that those characters are sure about the one or two things we are going to have to hang our hats on."

Those preparations have been disrupted by a spate of injuries, particularly to defenders, that resulted last night in the call-up of Lee Dixon. Dixon may be 34, he may have won his last cap under Graham Taylor in 1994, but his form this season has been outstanding and it is hard to argue with his selection.

If Gary Neville fails to recover from an ankle injury. Dixon will probably play in a flat back four that is likely to include his Arsenal colleagues. Adams and Martin Keown, as well as David Seaman in goal. Given that the Arsenal defence has not conceded a league goal for nine hours and 24 minutes, Wilkinson at least has firm foundations to



Clubbing together. Owen. Ince and Fowler, the Liverpool trio, hold a watching brief

## Goram quick to deny links with terrorist organisation

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goalkeeper, took another twist yesterday when the player denied allegations that he had links with terrorist groups in Northern Ireland, Coram. who is being considered for a return to the national squad just eight months after telling his country he would never

play for them again, said that he intended to sue over the claims and was backed by Motherwell, the Scottish Premier League club, who insisted that he remains a player with them. Goram appeared at a hur-

riedly-convened press conference yesterday after stories in the Scotush press claimed that he consorted with sympathisers of the banned Loyalist paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF). He was pictured holding aloft a UVF flag, but he read out a statedeny that I have links with any sectarian group or terrorists. I

do not condone violence and I wholeheartedly support the peace process in Northern Ireland. I deny the allegations and I will be taking legal action against the newspapers and the individuals who supplied them with this incorrect information.



Goram, 34, who has 42 caps, only joined Motherwell last month, after a seven-year career at Rangers. John Boyle, the Motherwell chairman. said: "Motherwell is a family club and, as individuals, or as a club, we take no part in sectarianism. We have snoken to Andy and he assures us he has been seriously maligned and misrepresented. He remains a

Motherwell player." However, the episode now casts doubt on Goram's proposed meeting with Craig Brown, the Scotland coach. later this week. Brown had been interested in seeing Goram return to international football, despite the player's decision to walk out on Scotland just two weeks before the World Cup Finals last June. Goram also turned his back on Scotland in 1995, before a

European Championship tie

with Greece, claiming he was

not psychologically able to

by Rangers for the Scottish Cup Final, and placed on the transfer list. When he failed to return from a rehabilitation trip to Tenerife in time to join his team's preparations, ☐ A near-capacity crowd of

30,000 will be at Derby County's Pride Park ground tonight, intrigued by the chance to watch England's talented Under-21 team, and a couple of France's World Cup-winners (Stephen Wood writes),

Thierry Henry, of Juventus, and David Trezeguet, of Monacu, are expected to form the visitors' attack while Lee Bowyer. of Leeds United, is recalled to the England set-up as the one over-age player, eight months after he fell out with Peter Taylor, the England Under-21 manager. Bowyer was picked to play in the Toulon tournament, but instead opted to go on holiday.

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## Cole believes in law of percentages

Matt Dickinson talks to a striker desperate for a proper chance

sked if he was glad that Glenn Hoddle was no longer the England Andy Cole broke into a smile as wide as a goalmouth yesterday. "You may think that. I couldn't possibly com-ment," was one answer he ap-peared to be considering, but instead he chose to say nothng. Why waste words?

Of all the players who had reason to wish for Hoddle's departure — and there were a lew — perhaps only Chris Sutton had more cause than the maligned Manchester Unit-ed striker. Ignored by the former England coach and then insuited by him. Cole had sensibly relinquished all hope of winning another cap.

To the extent, even, that he thought "sod it" and called Hoddle a coward on the front page of *The Sun*. Bad public relations, perhaps, but at least it got the bile out of his

lt was a massive irony. then, that among Hoddle's last acts as coach was to recall Cole for the match tomorrow against France, the world champions, seemingly convinced that the United player was indeed a striker of international calibre. Having won over Hoddle, now all the rest of us.

"People forget that I haven't had much of a chance so far," he said, a reminder that he has made only two England appearances as a substitute, the last coming in Le Tournoi more than 18 months ago. "But I believe I can do it. If I get two chances at this level, I think I can take one. I can't afford to doubt myself any more."

And as he sat there, smiling and even joking in front of a press corps he normally regards as the enemy, the fair conclusion was that he at least deserves the chance. Howard Wilkinson, England's caretaker coach, evidently believes so, giving a strong hint that Cole, 27, would play at Wembley, probably coming off the bench.

Everyone says I am sullen, dull, moody, but I am just a quiet chap." Cole said yesterday with conviction. I'm not good at that PR

stuff." You can be as quiet if you like if you are scoring goals, and Cole is now proving prolific. Revelling in his partnership with Dwight Yorke, he has a haul of 17 already this season and he has terrorised even the top-class defences of the Champions' League. If he can do it against Barcelona, why not France, appears to be his atti-

tude.
"The way I like to look at it," he said, "I get a lot of chances and I can't take all of them that come my way. If I did. I would get 40 goals a season and that just isn't going to happen.

The thing is that at United, you get more opportunities. I score my share and I miss my fair share." He seemed to hit the target when

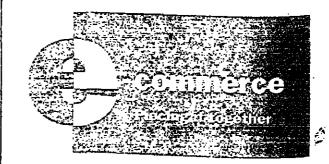


he launched his scathing outburst against Hoddle, who had claimed that Cole needed six chances for every goal. However justified it was a damning verdict from an international manager whose job is to bolster the confidence of his players. Cole's

anger was uncontained.
"I have no regrets," he said. "It just became too personal and I was hurt. I was left out for a long time and I never complained, but I just thought it was going too far. Most players have not had to put up with the sort of flak I have I must admit, I thought that was it. I certainly did not expect to be in another squad as long as Hoddle was in charge." Proof, then, that there is life after footballing death.

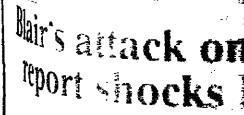
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